



Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Employment Job Posting

BIOLOGIST - AGFC BIOLOGIST

POSITION NO: 22096261

POSTING INFORMATION:

Advertisement Opens: Feb. 11, 2020

Advertisement Closes: Aug. 24, 2020

Full Time: Yes

Salary: \$40,535.00 - \$40,535.00 Annually

POSTING REQUIREMENTS:

Minimum Education and/or Experience:

The formal education equivalent of a bachelor's degree in biology, zoology, botany, or a related field.

Preferred Education and/or Experience:

Prior experience in the field of aquaculture, with an emphasis in warmwater fish culture is also preferred.

Knowledge, Abilities, and Skills:

Knowledge of the principles of biology, ecology, and related environmental sciences. Knowledge of game and fish management programs including propagation, cultivation, and harvesting techniques. Knowledge of game and fish laboratory and field survey equipment, techniques, and procedures. Ability to plan, organize, and oversee the work of subordinates. Ability to make public presentations and conduct hunter safety classes. Ability to plan work unit objectives and operational activities and to assign and direct the work of subordinate supervisors. Ability to conduct scientific game and fish surveys and studies.

Preferred Knowledge, Abilities, and Skills:

Knowledge of or experience in current fish propagation techniques; good oral and written communication skills and ability to work well with others; proficiency in Microsoft Office programs (Word, Excel, Access, Power Point); ability to learn quickly and work independently as well as under direct supervision; willingness to work on weekends as necessary; occasionally will be required to work long hours under harsh conditions; required to obtain and maintain a pesticide applicator license.

POSTING DETAILS:

Position Location:

City: Lonoke, AR

Office: Joe Hogan State Fish Hatchery

Division: Fisheries

Job Summary:

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) Biologist is responsible for supervising wildlife and timber management in a wildlife management area. This position is governed by state and federal laws and agency policy.

Typical Functions:

Coordinates and participates in conducting biological surveys and studies of fish and wildlife to determine population growth, propagation rates, and the effect of environmental and human conditions on particular species. Participates in developing wildlife management area recommendations and the development of the five-year plan for future Game and Fish activities and acquisitions. Approves billings and projects expenditures and assists supervisor in preparing the district budget. Conducts hunter safety classes or public meetings on new and proposed rules and regulations. Writes news releases on activities in the district. Performs other duties as assigned.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities:

The selected applicant will work under the direct supervision of the Assistant Hatchery Manager and participates/assists in the planning, scheduling, and record keeping involved in the operation of a warmwater fish hatchery. Duties include: spawns fish and monitors development of eggs and fry; develops and implements feeding schedules required for specific growth rates; monitors water quality; observes fish behavior for signs of stress or disease; administers chemical treatments for disease; grades and sorts fish by size; harvests, distributes, transports and stocks fish; performs routine repairs, maintains hatchery buildings, grounds and equipment; maintains hatchery production records, collects and enters data and prepares reports on hatchery operation; trains workers in fish husbandry techniques; assists in the supervision of the hatchery staff. Performs other duties as assigned.

Certificates, Licenses, or Registrations:

Must possess a valid Arkansas driver's license.

Special Job Dimensions:

Frequent in-state travel and field work with exposure to inclement weather is required. Occasional exposure to hunters and dangerous animals may be required. Occasionally will be required to work long hours under harsh conditions.

Other Specific Information:

All applicants are subject to a criminal background check.

As an equal opportunity employer, the Commission will make any reasonable accommodations necessary to ensure equal employment opportunities.