



Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Employment Job Posting

AGFC PRIVATE LANDS BIOLOGIST - AGFC BIOLOGIST SPECIALIST

POSITION NO: 22095969

POSTING INFORMATION:

Advertisement Opens: Oct. 27, 2020

Advertisement Closes: Jan. 24, 2021

Full Time: Yes

Salary: \$45,274.00 - \$45,274.00 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; plus two years of experience in wildlife management or a related field. Other job-related education and/or experience may be substituted for all or part of these basic requirements, except for certification or licensure requirements, upon approval of the *Human Resources Chief*.

Preferred Education and/or Experience:

Master's degree in wildlife science or management, biology or a related field; plus experience working for a state or federal wildlife and fisheries conservation agency and/or zoological institution. Experience with captive wildlife management and regulatory compliance activities. Experience and training in communication and public involvement techniques.

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 management laboratory and field survey equipment, techniques, and procedures. Knowledge of supervisory practices and procedures. Ability to plan, organize, and oversee the work of subordinates. Ability to make public presentations. Ability to plan work unit objectives and operational activities and assign and direct the work of subordinate supervisors. Ability to conduct scientific game and fish survey and studies, analyze and evaluate collected data, and prepare written narrative reports of findings. Ability to direct, coordinate, and maintain wildlife management programs.

Preferred Knowledge, Abilities, and Skills:

Knowledge of captive wildlife animal management. Knowledge of risks associated with non-native wildlife to native wildlife, the public and agriculture. Ability to plan, organize, oversee detailed plans and the work of agency staff and outside contractors. Ability to make public presentations. Ability to plan work independent of close supervision that meets objectives and operational activities and to assign and direct the work of co-workers.

POSTING DETAILS:**Position Location:**

City: Negotiable

Office: Office location is negotiable.

Division: Wildlife Management

Job Summary:

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) Biologist Specialist is responsible for supervising a wildlife management program. 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:

This position is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Captive Wildlife Program. The Captive Wildlife Program leads the agencies' regulatory function to oversee the permitting for the importation, breeding and sale of native and non-native wildlife, gamebird shooting resorts and commercial wildlife hunting resorts. This position will oversee a science-based evaluation of wildlife species proposed for importation, breeding and sale. Coordinate and/or perform inspection of facilities with Enforcement Division wildlife officers. Reviewing and processing of permit applications, review of permit reporting and conducting outreach and education to the public and others and assisting in resolving regulatory non-compliance. This position will work with wildlife officers and Wildlife Management Division species program biologists to resolve invasive wildlife species issues and conduct outreach to inform the public of the risks to native wildlife from invasive species. This position will also assist other agency divisions with oversight of other captive wildlife related permits and coordination of the Wildlife Management Division's regulations process. Must understand and be willing to function in a multi-faceted, team-oriented work environment. Must maintain close individual contact with and develop solid working relationships with all agency personnel.

Certificates, Licenses, or Registrations:

NONE

Special Job Dimensions:

Applications must include complete work history and references.

Other Specific Information:

All applicants are subjected to a criminal background check.

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