



Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Employment Job Posting

CONSERVATION PROGRAM BIOLOGIST II - CONSERVATION PROGRAM BIOLOGIST II
POSITION NO: 22096146

POSTING INFORMATION:

Advertisement Opens: Sept. 15, 2021

Advertisement Closes: Oct. 6, 2021

Full Time: Yes

Salary: \$68,068.00 - \$68,068.00 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 three years of experience in wildlife management, including one year in a leadership capacity.

Preferred Education and/or Experience:

A master's degree in fisheries management or a similar field is strongly preferred and will substitute for two years of experience.

Knowledge, Abilities, and Skills:

Knowledge of the principles of biology, ecology, and related environmental sciences. Knowledge of game and fish management programs. Knowledge of game and fish laboratory and field survey equipment, techniques, and procedures. Knowledge of supervisory practices and procedures. Knowledge of state purchasing procedures. Ability to plan work unit objectives and operational activities and to assign and direct the work of subordinates. Ability to make public presentations. Ability to plan and direct scientific game and fish surveys and studies. Ability to plan work unit objectives and operational activities and to assign and direct the work of subordinate supervisors. Ability to develop, implement, and monitor wildlife management plans and programs.

Preferred Knowledge, Abilities, and Skills:

The preferred applicant will possess knowledge, skills, experience with:

People and partnership.

Spatial database management.

Aquatic ecology.

Conservation Biology.

Fisheries biology and management.

Aquatic invasive species and management/control methods.

Various aquatic habitats.

Boating, especially on big rivers.

All forms of aquatic bioto sampling techniques.

American Fisheries Society certification.

Leaning on a tailgate, talking to a farmer.

POSTING DETAILS:

Position Location:

City: To be determined

Office: Flexible- Central or South, Arkansas

Division: Fisheries

Job Summary:

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) Conservation Program Biologist II is responsible for supervising a wildlife management program. This position is governed by state and federal laws and agency/institution policy.

Typical Functions:

Supervises a small to medium-sized professional staff by interviewing, recommending hire or termination, assigning and reviewing work, evaluating employee performance, and training employees. Plans and directs studies and surveys of game and fish species and collects and analyzes data on game and fish species. Analyzes and develops recommendations on district game seasons, wildlife management areas, fish re-stocking, and game re-establishment. Prepares activity and program reports and writes research papers or articles on game and fish studies for publication. Prepares and submits wildlife management or fisheries plans. Develops and monitors expenditures and reviews and approves purchase requests for supplies, equipment, food plots, and stocking and relocation of wildlife. Coordinates district and division programs with various state, federal, and private industry officials and makes presentations to civic groups, schools, and clubs. Conducts public meetings to explain new and/or proposed rules and regulations and/or to hear complaints about wildlife management. Performs other duties as assigned.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities:

This Biologist Supervisor position is the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Program Coordinator in the Fisheries Division of Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC). On a highly-trained, progressive team of Fisheries Scientists working to improve conservation and management of aquatic resources in Arkansas. You will receive outstanding training and competitive pay and benefits. Because ANS issues exist statewide, you will get to travel and experience "The Natural State" while having a positive impact to the resources that give the state this name. This position is of extreme importance and we desire a multi-talented individual to fill this new role.

The Aquatic Nuisance Species Coordinator position will oversee the implementation of the Arkansas ANS Plan and lead the Arkansas ANS, multi-partner task force. As the lead for ANS issues in AGFC, this position will supervise a Biologist Specialist position dedicated specifically to invasive carp control and the federal grants associated with invasive carp. This includes four extra-labor employees working under the invasive carp biologist tasked with invasive carp removal. The ANS Program Coordinator will be responsible for management and communication regarding all aquatic nuisance species activities including in state issues, as well as coordination on regional and national working groups.

Certificates, Licenses, or Registrations:

Must possess a valid driver's license.

Special Job Dimensions:

n/a

Other Specific Information:

ANS issues exist throughout Arkansas but the most critical impacts currently are in southern Arkansas. Position location can be negotiated within central and south Arkansas.

For additional information on this position, please contact Darrell Bowman, Assistant Chief of Fisheries Management Programs at Darrell.Bowman@agfc.ar.gov.

All applicants are subject to a criminal background check.

Applications must include complete work history and references.

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