



Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Employment Job Posting

BIOLOGIST - AGFC BIOLOGIST

POSITION NO: 22124691

POSTING INFORMATION:

Advertisement Opens: Sept. 15, 2021

Advertisement Closes: Sept. 29, 2021

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:

Bachelor's degree in Biology, Fisheries and Wildlife Management, or a related field. Prior experience in the field of aquaculture with an emphasis in warmwater fish culture is 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 or experience in current fish propagation techniques; good oral and written communication skills and the ability to work well with others; proficiency in Microsoft Office programs (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint); ability to learn quickly and work independently as well as under direct supervision; willingness to work on weekends as necessary; occasionally required to work long hours under harsh conditions.

POSTING DETAILS:

Position Location:

City: Hot Springs

Office: Andrew Hulseley 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 individual will work under the direct supervision of the Assistant Hatchery Manager and participate/assist in the planning, scheduling, and record keeping involved in the day-to-day operations of a warmwater fish hatchery. This will include working on spawning projects; monitoring fish health; performing water quality analysis; administering therapeutics for disease control; harvesting/stocking fish statewide; performing routine repairs; maintaining hatchery buildings, grounds, and equipment; collecting and organizing data and preparing fish production reports; training workers in fish husbandry techniques; assisting in the supervision of hatchery staff and performing other duties as assigned. Job will require heavy physical demands at times, working in inclement weather, and travel for short periods away from the duty station.

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.

This position has the designation of a safety-sensitive position. Applicants being considered for this position are subject to pre-employment drug and alcohol testing. Refusal to submit to testing will result in disqualification of further employment consideration. If offered a position, employees in this position will be subject to periodic drug and alcohol testing.

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.