



## Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Employment Job Posting

BIOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN I - BIOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN I

POSITION NO: 22095783

### **POSTING INFORMATION:**

Advertisement Opens: Dec. 4, 2023

Advertisement Closes: Dec. 18, 2023

Full Time: No

Salary: \$19.19 - \$19.19 Hourly

### **POSTING REQUIREMENTS:**

#### Minimum Education and/or Experience:

The formal education equivalent of a high school diploma; plus two years of field experience in wildlife or fisheries management or forestry or land management, or a related area.

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:

Knowledge of methods and practices in skilled and unskilled trades. Ability to operate and perform routine maintenance on various types of grounds keeping tools and equipment. Ability to receive, assign, and coordinate work activities.

#### Knowledge, Abilities, and Skills:

Knowledge of the procedures and methods used in wildlife management.

Knowledge of the equipment and techniques used to maintain buildings, grounds and equipment.

Knowledge of wildlife biology and the associated techniques used in wildlife management. Knowledge of agricultural methods and basic land laws.

Ability to identify common plants and animals found in Arkansas. Ability to collect biological samples.

Ability to use Microsoft Office Suite and Google Suite.

Ability to operate and maintain wildlife management equipment safely and effectively.

#### Preferred Knowledge, Abilities, and Skills:

Two years experience/on the job training in performing grounds keeping, and/or the maintenance of lawn care equipment. Experience in aquaculture with emphasis on the propagation of warm water species.

## **POSTING DETAILS:**

### Position Location:

City: Hot Springs

Office: Andrew Hulseley Fish Hatchery

Division: Fisheries

### Job Summary:

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) Biological Technician I is responsible for habitat and maintenance projects on Wildlife Management Areas. This position is governed by state and federal laws and agency/institution policy.

### Typical Functions:

- Assists program coordinators, habitat biologists, and field biologists in the planning, preparation, and implementation of wildlife habitat management and maintenance projects on wildlife management areas
- Conducts wildlife and habitat management activities on wildlife management areas.
- Monitors and operates wildlife management areas infrastructure, including levees, roads, parking lots, water control structures, waterways, campsites, etc.
- Conduct operations in compliance with state and federal regulations such as fire safety, accident prevention, vehicle operation, pesticide application and waterway drainage.
- Monitors assigned wildlife management areas for invasive species and assists in control efforts.
- Collects or assists in collecting biological samples and entering data. Collects biological data for wildlife monitoring and research.
- Calibrates and operates wildlife management equipment, such as seed drills, planters, weed eaters, chainsaws, lawn mowers, ATVs, boats, tractors, dozers, backhoes, rollers, sprayers and others as necessary.
- Serves as a member of the agency's prescribed burn program and assists with the implementation of prescribed burns on state-managed WMAs. Specific physical fitness demands for prescribed burning are required.
- Cleans, maintains, prepares, and supplies work areas.

### Specific Duties and Responsibilities:

The selected individual will be responsible for assisting in planning and participation in the operations of a warm water fish hatchery, which will include specialized fish spawning projects and/or specialized research projects. Duties will include: general upkeep of hatchery grounds, operation of mowing equipment, assisting the hatchery crew in general maintenance, operation of trucks and tractors, assisting in harvest operations, performing public relations activities, generating reports on computer based programs, and other duties as deemed necessary. Job requires heavy physical demands, working in inclement weather, and traveling short distances from the duty station. The selected individual will be required to live within a 30-mile radius of Hot Springs.

Certificates, Licenses, or Registrations:

Must possess a valid Arkansas driver's license.

Special Job Dimensions:

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Other Specific Information:

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