



Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Employment Job Posting

AGFC BIOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN I - AGFC BIOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN I

POSITION NO: 22096368

POSTING INFORMATION:

Advertisement Opens: Oct. 31, 2024

Advertisement Closes: Dec. 12, 2024

Full Time: No

Salary: \$39,925.00 - \$61,706.00 Annually

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:

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Knowledge, Abilities, and Skills:

- Knowledge of the procedures and methods used in documenting wildlife investigations
- Knowledge of the equipment and techniques used to maintain buildings, grounds, and equipment
- Knowledge of fish propagation, harvesting, cultivation, and maintenance activities
- Knowledge of tissue and blood sampling techniques used in collection research
- Knowledge of agricultural methods and basic land laws
- Knowledge of timber marking, land surveying, and other related forestry techniques
- Ability to collect samples of wildlife, perform fish hatchery, prepare reports, maintain files, and present oral and written information
- Ability to operate and maintain wildlife equipment

Preferred Knowledge, Abilities, and Skills:

- Ability to follow written and oral instructions
- Ability to utilize a variety of resources and techniques to educate and deliver information to the public
- Ability to operate a pickup truck and gooseneck trailer
- Knowledge of and ability to identify Arkansas fish
- Ability to discuss various angling techniques
- General knowledge of AGFC regulations
- Ability to facilitate public presentations
- Experience working with and instructing people of all ages in educational activities and outdoor recreation both in the classroom and outdoor settings
- Ability to work with children
- Job is physically demanding at times and requires lifting over 50 pounds
- Must be available to work weekends and holidays

POSTING DETAILS:

Position Location:

City: Lonoke

Office: Joe Hogan Fish Hatchery (Education Office)

Division: Education

Job Summary:

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) Biological Technician I is responsible for forest and fish propagation, fire prevention, cultivation, and harvesting activities and/or maintaining a wildlife management area. This position is governed by state and federal laws and agency policy.

Typical Functions:

- Inspects forest lands for damage by insects or disease, assists in implementing plans or recommendations for control measures, and prepares plans for site preparation or improvement of planting, harvesting, marketing, or wildlife use
- Conducts or assists in conducting research on collected samples, such as fish, blood, water, soil, and plant species, and examines animals and specimens to detect diseases or other problems
- Conducts agricultural and forest management activities on wildlife management areas, including preparing seed beds and plant foods; selects and marks trees for thinning and/or logging utilizing soil erosion control measures and maintains waterways, dams, and ponds
- Monitors and inspects public and private wildlife to ensure compliance with state regulations and trains various personnel in activities, such as fire safety, accident prevention, and maintenance and calibration of scientific and technical equipment
- Gathers, provides, and presents general and forestry educational information and training to various federal, state, and local health officers, community organizations, and the general public
- Provides technical support and services for scientists and engineers working in fields, such as agriculture, environmental science, resource management, and biology
- Assists in conducting fish and game propagation and maintenance activities, including monitoring of spawning, hatching, incubation, sexing, and feeding
- Prepares reports pertaining to wildlife findings, conclusions, and recommendations
- Cleans, maintains, prepares, and supplies work areas
- Performs other duties as assigned

Specific Duties and Responsibilities:

- This position educates the public about multiple areas of fish, fishing, and other aquatic flora and fauna found in Arkansas.
- Outreach efforts include programming for events, school lessons, fishing derbies, clinics, seminars, and public groups.
- Must have knowledge of native aquatic wildlife and are able to handle and care for live fish and reptiles.
- Towing a trailer-mounted aquarium with live fish offsite to educate the community is a responsibility.
- This position will also maintain commission equipment and education animal habitat tanks.
- This position will serve the public by working with agency staff and partners to promote aquatic education and conservation initiatives.
- Some overnight travel is required. Weekend and holiday work is common.
- Applicant must have a valid driver's license with a good driving record.
- All applicants will be subjected to a criminal background check.

Certificates, Licenses, or Registrations:

Must possess a valid Arkansas driver's license.

Special Job Dimensions:

n/a

Other Specific Information:

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