



Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Employment Job Posting

AGFC BIOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN I - AGFC BIOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN I

POSITION NO: 22095793

POSTING INFORMATION:

Advertisement Opens: Nov. 6, 2024

Advertisement Closes: Nov. 27, 2024

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:

Bachelor's degree in biology, fisheries, wildlife management, or a related field

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:

- Knowledge of or experience in current fish propagation techniques
- Good oral and written communication skills and ability to work well with others
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office programs (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint) and Google apps
- Ability to learn quickly and work independently as well as under direct supervision
- Willingness to work on weekends as necessary and occasional long hours under harsh conditions
- May be required to obtain and maintain a pesticide applicator license and a commercial driver's license
- Ability to operate and maintain equipment used at a fish hatchery (*fish distribution trucks, tractors, feeders, pumps*)
- Possess a clean driving record
- Possess a positive team attitude

POSTING DETAILS:

Position Location:

City: Mammoth Spring

Office: Jim Hinkle Spring River State Fish Hatchery

Division: Fisheries

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:

- Assisting in the operation of an intensive culture trout facility
- Maintaining and disinfecting fish rearing tanks; raceways and circular tanks
- Feeding fish; harvesting, loading, and delivering fish for stocking in waters throughout the state
- Assisting in other hatcheries; assisting in the care and maintenance of eggs and fry; monitoring fish health and administering prescribed treatments
- Performing general upkeep of the hatchery buildings, grounds, vehicles, and various fish production equipment
- Operating distribution trucks, tractors, fish loaders/pumps, and grounds maintenance equipment
- Participating in public outreach and education activities
- Operating and generating reports on computer-based programs, as well as performing other duties as deemed necessary
- Heavy physical demands, working in inclement weather, and travel away from the duty station for short periods of time
- Occasional weekends and some holiday work

Certificates, Licenses, or Registrations:

Must possess a valid Arkansas driver's license.

Special Job Dimensions:

n/a

Other Specific Information:

Position Location: Mammoth Spring, AR

For additional information contact the Assistant Hatchery Manager at (870) 710-3743 or email michael.gentile@agfc.ar.gov

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