



Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Employment Job Posting

AGFC Biologist I - **AGFC BIOLOGIST I**

POSITION NO: 22095827

POSTING INFORMATION:

Advertisement Opens: Nov. 13, 2024

Advertisement Closes: Dec. 3, 2024

Full Time: Yes

Salary: \$49,526.00 - \$75,004.00 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.

OTHER JOB-RELATED EDUCATION AND 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:

A bachelor's degree in wildlife biology, conservation biology, natural resources, environmental science or a related field plus one year of experience in a related field

OR

A master's degree in wildlife biology, conservation biology, natural resources, environmental science or a related field

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 subordinate.
- 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

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- Knowledge of wildlife management principles and techniques
- Knowledge of laboratory and field survey equipment, techniques, and procedures
- Ability to plan, organize, and oversee the work of subordinates
- Ability to make public presentations
- Ability to develop and implement wildlife research, monitoring, or management projects
- Ability to operate equipment (such as boats, ATVs, tractors, and implements) necessary for completing habitat projects
- Must have a valid driver's license
- Ability to acquire a non-commercial pesticide applicator license within 1 year
- Class A CDL may be required based on the job duties assigned

POSTING DETAILS:

Position Location:

City: Hope

Office: Hope Regional Office / Wildlife Management - Region 4

Division: Wildlife Management

Job Summary:

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) Biologist I is responsible for supervising a wildlife or fisheries 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 project expenditures and assists the 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:

- Assists program coordinators, habitat biologists, other staff, and agency partners in the planning, preparation, and implementation of projects on wildlife management areas
- Participates in developing wildlife management area recommendations and the development of short- and long-term plans for future agency conservation activities
- Coordinates and participates in conducting biological surveys and studies of wildlife to determine population growth, propagation rates, and the effect of environmental and human conditions on particular species
- Summarizes data and participates in setting seasons/bag limits in the region
- Serves as a member of the agency's prescribed burn program and assists with the implementation of prescribed burns on state-managed WMAs. Coordinates with burn bosses regarding prescribed fire plans on WMAs
- Approves billings and project expenditures and assists regional staff in preparing and monitoring budget
- Conducts public relations work with various agencies, private industry, professional and civic organizations, and outdoor recreational groups
- Must understand and be willing to function in a multi-faceted, team-oriented work environment
- Must maintain close individual contact with and develop solid working relationships with the Wildlife Management Division, agency, and partner organization personnel
- Participates in public outreach regarding management activities and regulations
- Submits written and oral reports describing wildlife management activities
- Writes contracts and supervises and directs contractors conducting work on WMAs to ensure work is completed according to contract specifications
- Supervises and directs activities of subordinate employees
- Trains junior employees in proper completion of all activities listed above
- Participates in the review of junior employees' work processes
- Serves on statewide working groups and teams
- Assists in the development and implementation of priority research, monitoring, or management projects

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
- Occasional exposure to hunters and dangerous animals

Other Specific Information:

This biologist position will oversee day-to-day wildlife management activities on Jack Mountain, DeGray Lake, Big Timber, and Poison Springs WMAs, and will be assigned to Hot Springs, Clark, Nevada, and Columbia counties. Frequent in-state travel and fieldwork are required.

Heavy physical demands in inclement weather are required. Specific physical fitness demands for prescribed burning are also required.

Some overnight travel may be required. The successful applicant will be required to obtain a Non-Commercial Pesticide Applicator license within the first year of employment.

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