



Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Employment Job Posting

AGFC BIOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN I - AGFC BIOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN I

POSITION NO: 22095809

POSTING INFORMATION:

Advertisement Opens: Jan. 27, 2025

Advertisement Closes: Feb. 14, 2025

Full Time: Yes

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:

A bachelor's degree in wildlife biology, conservation biology, natural resources, environmental science 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:

- The ability to safely operate a large farm tractor with implements
- Class A CDL
- Ability to perform administrative duties remotely from residence

POSTING DETAILS:

Position Location:

City: Hope

Office: Hope Regional Office

Division: Wildlife Management

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:

- Will work under the direct supervision of the Jack Mountain WMA, Big Timber WMA, DeGray Lake WMA, Terre Noire Natural Area WMA and Poison Springs WMA Field Biologist, assisting with implementing habitat improvement practices and maintenance on assigned WMAs and other WMAs as needed
- Will collect and submit scientific data and specimen samples for analysis, write reports, and maintain records, present oral and written information
- Will operate and maintain large agricultural tractors and implements as well as ATVs and UTVs
- Must assume a proactive role in assisting in the development of area budgets, maintaining ledgers and records, managing budgets, and submitting reports
- Coordinates with other field biologists, habitat biologists, program coordinators, and supervisory staff to develop and implement habitat plans for wetland and upland habitats
- Provides technical assistance to the public in resolving nuisance wildlife problems and provides advice and technical assistance to landowners
- Identifies repair and maintenance upkeep needs for commission equipment, machinery, properties, and capital improvements
- Coordinates with the regional maintenance coordinator to budget and carry out maintenance and new development items
- Prepares materials for public presentations and gives presentations to various organizations
- Performs a variety of other tasks as needed within the region, other AGFC Divisions or other areas of the state
- Will be required to receive specialized training and certifications in, but not limited to, prescribed fire, chemical immobilization of animals, and pesticide application
- Some overnight travel to attend various training, seminars or assignments may be necessary
- Performs strenuous and physically demanding tasks and works outdoors year-round in inclement weather
- May be required to work certain holidays and weekends
- Performs other duties as assigned
- Specific physical fitness demands for prescribed burning are required.

Certificates, Licenses, or Registrations:

Must possess a valid Arkansas driver's license.

Special Job Dimensions:

n/a

Other Specific Information:

- This position is required (*as per the Prescribed Fire Planning and Implementation Procedures and Policy*) to complete a two-mile walk carrying 25 pounds in 30 minutes within the first year of employment.
- This position is also required to obtain a Non-Commercial Pesticide Applicators license within the first year of employment.
- This position will reside within the eastern portion of Region 4 within the vicinity of assigned WMAs.

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