Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Employment Job Posting

AGFC BIOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN I - **AGFC BIOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN I**

POSITION NO: 22079774

POSTING INFORMATION:

Advertisement Opens: April 14, 2025

Advertisement Closes: May 2, 2025

Full Time: Yes

Salary: $40,000.00 - $40,000.00 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:

A bachelor's degree in biology, fisheries, wildlife management, or a related field is preferred.

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:

- 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, Power Point) and Google apps
- Ability to learn quickly and work independently as well as under direct supervision
- Willingness to work on weekends as necessary
- Will occasionally be required to work long hours under harsh conditions / inclement weather
- 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 (e.g., fish distribution trucks, tractors, feeder, pumps).

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, as well as maintaining a wildlife or fisheries management area. This position is governed by state and federal laws and agency 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 the operation of an intensive culture trout facility. Job responsibilities include:

- Maintaining and disinfecting fish rearing tanks, raceways, and circular tanks
- Feed fish, and harvest, load, and deliver fish for stocking in waters throughout the state
- Assist other hatcheries
- Assist in the care and maintenance of eggs and fry
- Monitor fish health and administer prescribed treatments
- Perform general upkeep of the hatchery buildings, grounds, vehicles, and various fish production equipment
- Operate distribution trucks, tractors, fish loaders/pumps, and grounds maintenance equipment
- Participate in public outreach and education activities
- Operate and generate reports on computer-based programs; other duties as deemed necessary
- Handle work and projects that require heavy physical activity
- Travel away from the duty station for short periods. Occasional weekends and some holiday work are also required.

Certificates, Licenses, or Registrations:

Must possess a valid Arkansas driver's license.

Special Job Dimensions:

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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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