

Seasonal/Temporary Fisheries Technician

Agency: Midwest State Agency

Location: Midwest U.S.

Category: Entry level/Temporary/Seasonal Positions

Salary: Hourly, \$15.00 | No benefits

Last Date to Apply: 08/07/2020

Description:

The fisheries technician will be assisting with several multi-species population studies in reservoirs across the Midwest. The technician will be responsible for assisting and leading fieldwork sampling fishes using several traditional gear types. Sampling may take place from shore or by boat. Laboratory work may be required and may include organizing and recording data from water samples, biological samples, and archived spreadsheets. The technician may also be asked to assist with additional ongoing projects and to generate data for annual reports. Knowledge of basic fisheries science and basic computer skills will be beneficial to the candidate but are not required. All that is required is enthusiasm, a sense of safety, and an ability to work as a team. Technicians will learn how and why fisheries data are collected to inform management. Attention to detail, strong organizational skills, and excellent verbal and written communication skills are strongly preferred. Weekend/holiday and non-traditional work hours may be required to meet project goals.

Qualifications:

- Must possess a valid US license by date of hire.
- Must have completed one year of study in ecology, biology, wildlife/fisheries science, or related field by date of hire. Six months of work in a specialized/related may be substituted.
- Must be physically able of working in challenging conditions: heat, cold, insects, and inclement weather
- Must be physically able to lift and carry 30 lbs. for short periods of time.
- Must be able to swim.

Preferred skills:

- Strong organizational skills; crucial for field data collection
- Proficiency in general computer software (Microsoft Office); knowledge of programming and database organization a plus.
- Strong interpersonal skills, and well-developed written and verbal communication skills.
- An ability to effectively engage and interact with the general public/stakeholders.
- A passion and enthusiasm for working with natural resources.