

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Seasonal/Scientific Aid Job Bulletin

Title: Fish & Wildlife Scientific Aid

Program: Fisheries Branch, Heritage and Wild Trout Program

Position #: 565-033-0835-905, RPA #FB16-035-044 (ten)

Salary: \$12.11/hour

Location: 1701 Nimbus Road; Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Hours: Field season is tentatively from May, 2017 to tentatively October, 2017

Application Deadline: Open until filled



Overview: The Heritage and Wild Trout Program is seeking to hire 10 Scientific Aids to assist with field-based wild trout population and habitat surveys. This is an exceptional opportunity to gain hands-on, career-building experience in fish sampling methods, data collection, and applied fisheries management and restoration. These positions require field work in river, stream, and lake environments in the south Sierra Nevada Mountains as well as other opportunities to work in other parts of the state.

Minimum Qualifications: See seasonal job specifications for general job qualifications at

Education required:

- Equivalent to completion of two years of college with a minimum of 10 semester hours in biological or chemistry sciences.

OR

- One year of experience in surveying, studying or evaluating fish or wildlife populations, data habitats or users, or working in a chemistry laboratory.

Minimum Requirements:

- Possession of a valid driver's license.
- Physical strength and agility.
- Ability to swim 50 yards and stay afloat at least 5 minutes.
- Ability to function in rough seas without incapacitation due to seasickness.
- Ability to move 40 pounds.

Desired Knowledge and Abilities: Knowledge of applied fisheries management and field techniques to assess trout populations and habitat; ability to follow established sampling protocol and accurately collect and record field data; identify CA freshwater fish species and/or utilize fish keys; and conduct field-based surveys in a safe manner.

Duties: Perform field-based fisheries assessments to monitor the status of wild trout populations including electrofishing, snorkeling, angling, gill netting, and creel census; conduct habitat assessments to document streamflow, habitat type, substrate, stream length, canopy cover, fish cover types, temperature, gradient, etc; perform field-based restoration activities; collect and record field data following established protocols; manage and maintain specialized field equipment.

Desirable qualifications: Experience fishing or the willingness to learn; willingness to hike and backpack for

extended periods in remote locations; willingness to swim and wade in streams and rivers, often in swift water; experience towing and maneuvering trailers; and college coursework and/or experience in ichthyology, fisheries, or zoology and career.

How to apply: Send a completed Standard State Application form (STD 678), along with resume, cover letter, and transcripts to Claire Buchanan; 1701 Nimbus Road; Suite C; Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 or Claire.Buchanan@wildlife.ca.gov; 916-464-6379.

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