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**NEW Posting 1/23/25**

**PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION JOBS ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Position:** Fisheries Biologist Aide (FBA) **Date Posted:** January 23, 2025

**Status:** Seasonal (24-32 weeks duration)

The Fisheries Management Area 2 office in Tionesta, Forest County, PA announces the availability of one paid seasonal position for the spring/summer/fall 2025 field season. The position is expected to cover 12-16 pay periods (24-32 weeks) beginning on or about March 31,2025, and ending on or about TBD.

**Position Description**

The position will involve assisting Fisheries Management Area 2 staff in various tasks, primarily conducting field surveys of lakes and streams throughout northwest Pennsylvania. Fieldwork sometimes involves long hours, travel to field survey locations using Commission vehicles, occasional overnight travel (reimbursed by Commission), and at times working in inclement weather. Some boat electrofishing surveys will be conducted at night, usually ending around 2:00 a.m. The Area 2 office will provide the necessary fish survey and safety apparel (e.g., waders, personal flotation devices, electrofishing gloves, etc.).

Position Title Fisheries Biologist Aide

Position Type: Paid, Summer Position (2025 Field Season)

Position Duration: (24-32 weeks), ~March 31, 2025 - TBD

Office Location: PA Fish and Boat Commission

Fisheries Management Area 2

 172 Fish Hatchery Lane

 Tionesta, PA 16

Starting Wage: $17.00/ hour

Hours Per Week: 37.5 hrs./week (no paid holidays); some overtime may occur for

fieldwork

Work Hours: 8 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday (for office work); variable hours

for fieldwork

Supervisor: Tim Wilson (Fisheries Management Area 1)

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

* Conduct fish sampling that may include use of johnboat electrofishers, backpack electrofishers, trap nets, and other gear.
* Assist in traversing streams and small rivers with waders while collecting fish and/or while transporting sampling gear (backpack electrofisher).
* Perform field measurement of fish catch rate and other biological attributes (age, mortality) for a variety of fish species in rivers, streams and reservoirs.
* Conduct field measurement of fish habitat (RBP) and basic water quality attributes (D.O., temperature, pH, conductivity, and total alkalinity) of streams, rivers, and reservoirs in conjunction with fish sampling.
* Perform laboratory processing of fish samples that include: (1) use of a dichotomous key to identify fish specimens not identifiable under field conditions, (2) pressing scales and interpreting fish age from magnified scale impressions or magnified otolith sections.
* Observe and assist in data recording and summary associated with fish data sets and data processing associated with other statewide monitoring and planning activities.
* Enter fish sampling data into statewide agency database.
* Conduct mapping of sample locations.

**Qualifications:**

Our office is seeking a responsible and dependable individual who meet the following qualifications:

* Working towards or recently receiving a B.A. / B.S. degree in natural sciences, biology, fisheries, wildlife, environmental sciences, or ecology (or equivalent experience). Undergraduate students, recent graduates and graduate students are encouraged to apply.
* Well-developed computer skills (e.g., Microsoft Office software, GIS).
* Writing, editing, and organizational skills.
* Ability to perform manual labor including lifting objects up to 50 pounds.
* Adequate physical stamina to conduct field investigations on the water, in rough terrain, under adverse weather conditions, and often at night.
* Willingness to work as part of a collaborative research team.
* Must complete background certifications for Child Abuse (Act 153), Criminal History and FBI fingerprinting.

**Working Conditions:**

* Work may involve travel within the region. Overnight lodging and subsistence will be reimbursed.
* Flexibility in working schedule, including willingness to work evenings.

**Application Instructions:**

To apply for this FBA position, please email a resume, cover letter, and three references to Garrett Herigan: gherigan@pa.gov (include “FBA Position Tionesta” in subject heading of e-mail).

This position provides an excellent opportunity to gain experience working on a variety of projects for a state fisheries agency. Many of our full-time fisheries management staff started their careers as seasonal staff.

**Applications must be submitted no later than March 14, 2025.**