



NEW Posting 2/7/2019

PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Position: Fisheries Biologist Aid (FBA)

Date Posted: February 2019

Status: Seasonal – 750 hrs. (~20 week position)

The Fisheries Management Area 2 office in Tionesta, PA announces the availability of one, potentially two, paid seasonal positions for the summer/fall 2019 field season. These are ~20 week positions, not to exceed 750 hours.

Position Description:

The position involves assisting Fisheries Biologists with field activities and office work pertaining to fisheries management of the aquatic resources of northwest Pennsylvania but may include assisting biologists in other areas of the Commonwealth as needed. 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 3:00 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 Aid
Position Type:	Paid, Summer Position (2019 Field Season)
Position Duration:	750 hrs. (~20 weeks), May 27 to October 11, 2019
Office Location:	PA Fish and Boat Commission Fisheries Management Area 2 172 Fish Hatchery Lane Tionesta, PA 16353
Starting Wage:	\$13.56/ hour
Hours Per Week:	37.5 hrs./week (no paid holidays); limited overtime may occur for fieldwork
Work Hours:	8 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday (for office work); variable hours for fieldwork

Responsibilities:

Primarily duties involve sampling fish populations using a variety of active and passive sampling gears at lotic and lentic waters throughout the northwest region (primarily Fisheries Management Area 2), including identifying undocumented wild trout populations in previously unsurveyed streams. More specifically, the FBA will assist Fisheries Biologists conducting fisheries surveys, water quality analyses, habitat assessments, fisheries data management and formatting, and routine equipment maintenance, among other assigned duties.

Qualifications:

Our office is seeking responsible and dependable individual(s) who meet the following qualifications:

- B.A. / B.S. degree in natural sciences, biology, fisheries, wildlife, environmental sciences, or ecology (or equivalent experience). Recent graduates, graduate students, and undergraduate 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 repetitively throughout the workday.
- Sufficient 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.
- Valid driver's license

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 the FBA position(s), please email a resume, cover letter, and three references to Brian Ensign: bensign@pa.gov (include "FBA Position" in subject heading of e-mail).

Applications must be submitted no later than March 15, 2019.

PFBC Fisheries Management Area 2 Territory Map:

Fisheries Management Area 2

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