

PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION
Area 8 Fisheries Management Division
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Job Title: Fisheries Biologist Aide
Status: Short Term - 36 week position

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Reports To: Area Fisheries Manager

The Area 8 Fisheries Management Division of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) announces the availability of one fisheries biologist aide position for individuals seeking experience with fisheries management research dealing with the aquatic resources of Southwest Pennsylvania.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The position involves assisting Area 8 staff in various tasks, primarily conducting field surveys of lakes and streams throughout Southwest Pennsylvania. Fieldwork sometimes involves long hours, travel (Area 8 staff will provide transportation), and at times inclement weather. Some boat electrofishing surveys will be conducted at night, usually ending around 3:00 a.m. Area 8 will provide fish survey and safety apparel (e.g., waders, personal flotation devices, and electrofishing gloves).

Position Timeframe:	36 weeks, March 25 th – November 27 th
Salary:	\$13.56/hr
Hours Per Week:	37.5 hrs/week
Work Hours:	8 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday (for office work) Variable hours for fieldwork
Primary Location:	236 Lake Road, Somerset, PA, 15501
Supervisors:	Gary Smith, Area 8 Fisheries Manager Mike Depew, Area 8 Fisheries Biologist

Sample Duties and Responsibilities

- Collect and process fish and other aquatic organisms during wading and boat fisheries surveys.
- Record data in the field / organize data in the office.
- Categorize information / assist with preparation of reports.
- Mobilize / demobilize equipment to survey sites.

Qualifications

We seek responsible and dependable individuals who meet the following qualifications:

- B.A. / B.S. degree in natural sciences, biology, fisheries, wildlife, environmental sciences, or ecology (or equivalent experience).
- Well-developed computer skills (e.g., Microsoft Office software).
- Writing, editing, and organizational skills.
- Familiarity with performing repairs on motorized and electrical equipment
- Ability to perform manual labor including lifting objects up to 50 pounds.
- 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.

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 and a few weekends.

Application Instructions

Applicants should submit the following to Gary Smith (garys@pa.gov):

1. résumé
2. cover letter describing their interest in fisheries management and how this position will benefit them
3. Personal Data Sheet, which can be found at the following link:
(<https://www.fishandboat.com/AboutUs/Careers/Documents/personal-data-sheet.pdf>)
4. three references with contact information.

Applications will be reviewed as they are received. Candidates will be interviewed and notified promptly after the interview. If you have any questions about this position, please contact Gary Smith or Mike Depew at 814-445-3454.

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 staff started their careers as seasonal staff.

In addition, although the primary office location is in Somerset, PA, interested persons from the Pittsburgh and Greensburg areas are encouraged to apply, as the option to commute with permanent staff is available.

Applications must be submitted no later than February 22, 2019.