

# VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC)  
Division of Environmental Services (DES), Natural Diversity Section (NDS)

## **Fisheries Biologist Aide (FBA)**

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STATUS:	Temporary, non-Civil Service
WORK WEEK:	M-F 08:00-16:00 (subject-to-change to accommodate priorities)
TERM:	2019: June until November; 2020 and beyond: March-November
START DATE:	as soon as possible (negotiable)
COMPENSATION:	Approximately \$13.56 per hour (No Benefits)
LOCATION:	Bellefonte, Centre Co., PA

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### Duties:

- The FBA's main function is to assist the NDS Ichthyologist. Additional assistance will be given to other NDS, DES, or PFBC staff as needed.
- Assists with state-wide surveys focusing on fish communities and rare species assessments. Assists with identification, preservation, and cataloging of fish collections.
- Maintains, modifies, or builds many different types of equipment.
- Drives full size trucks and tows boats.
- Provides miscellaneous clerical and logistical support for the NDS and DES including data entry, managing databases, reporting, answering correspondence, filing, and cleaning, organizing, and maintaining field gear and storage space.
- The FBA will be exposed to many aspects of the aquatic resources within PA, providing an opportunity to develop broad experience with related programs at the PFBC and other organizations.

### Qualifications, Skills, and Abilities Required:

Educational background in the biological sciences, with at least basic knowledge of fish ecology (B.S. in Biology, Ecology, Wildlife/Fisheries Science, Enviro. Resource Mgmt. or related field preferred). Experience with fish collection, identification, and preservation helpful. Mechanical skills preferred. Skills in Microsoft Office applications essential. Organizational skills and ability to manage a diverse workload. Ability to communicate well verbally and in writing. Willingness and ability to work at a computer and in an office/lab environment for several continuous hours. Ability to work under adverse field conditions, such as hot/cold/wet/inclement weather, unstable or difficult terrain, and biting insects. Must be comfortable working in and around streams, rivers, and lakes. Must be able to lift and carry heavy loads (e.g. carry 50lb. backpack while wading in a stream; help lift and carry generators, etc.). Must possess a valid Pennsylvania driver's license and be able to travel for days at a time.

### To apply:

Send a current resume, cover letter, and at least three references to:

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