



PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION - JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
Fisheries Management Area 2
172 Fish Hatchery Lane
Tionesta, Pa 16353
Telephone: 814-755-3890

Position: Fisheries Biologist Aide (FBA)

Date Posted: 28 December 2020

Status: Short Term (Seasonal) – (20 week position)

The Fisheries Management Area 2 office in Tionesta, PA announces the availability of one paid seasonal position for the summer/fall 2021 field season. This is an approximately 20 week position, not to exceed 750 hours. The position is expected begin on June 1, 2021 and end on October 15, 2021.

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. 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 (2021 Field Season)
Position Duration:	June 1 - October 15; (20 weeks)
Office Location:	PA Fish and Boat Commission Fisheries Management Area 2 172 Fish Hatchery Lane Tionesta, PA 16353
Starting Wage:	\$14.25/ 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).
- Ability to interpret and create maps using provided computer software packages.

- Proficient at writing, editing, and organizational skills.
- Ability to perform manual labor including lifting objects up to 50 pounds repetitively throughout the workday.
- Perform general maintenance and repair of small engines (electrofisher generators), vehicles, boats and other sampling equipment.
- Sufficient physical stamina to conduct field investigations on the water, in rough terrain, under adverse weather conditions.
- Willingness to work as part of a collaborative research team.
- Valid driver's license
- Selected candidate will be required to obtain three background certifications prior to employment with PFBC: Child Abuse, Criminal History, and FBI/Fingerprint Certifications.

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:

Applicants should submit a resume along with a cover letter describing their interest in fisheries management. Applicant should also provide the phone numbers and emails of three references. This information should be submitted by email to Brian A. Ensign at bensign@pa.gov and include in to the email subject heading "FBA Act 13 Position".

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 Brian Ensign at 814-445-3454.

Short term (seasonal) positions, such as this, 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.

Applications must be submitted no later than April 11, 2021.

PFBC Fisheries Management Area 2 Territory Map:

Fisheries Management Area 2

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