



OPS JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Fish and Wildlife Research Institute

This is a grant-funded, temporary position, but previous employees have worked over 5 years in this OPS category

Title: OPS Biological Scientist II (Fisheries Biologist)

Position #: 77901338

Location: Eustis Fisheries Research Lab, Eustis, Florida (Lake County)

Salary: \$16.00/hr (40 hrs/wk), limited benefits, no moving expenses

Apply By: Feb 8, 2016

To Apply: Submit a State of Florida application, resume, transcripts, and any appropriate materials at People First (<https://peoplefirst.myflorida.com>). The job ad link is: <https://jobs.myflorida.com/viewjob.html;jsessionid=35491F5D7FBC1047C4CE80D12E32D0DD>

. Questions can be referenced to:

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Job Description: The successful candidate will be part of a field crew that samples water bodies statewide using a variety of fish and plant sampling gears as required by Florida's Freshwater Fisheries Long-Term Monitoring Program. Individuals will work both as a team and with other statewide fisheries biologists. This position requires frequent daily travel with some overnight stays. There will be additional opportunities to work on other fisheries research projects. Funding for this position is partially funded by a recurring federal grant. Continued employment is subject to annual renewals.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Sample fish using various gear types (electrofishing, mini-fyke nets, trawls, push-trawls)
- Record water quality and habitat characteristics at sample sites
- Lake vegetation mapping using boat-mounted sonar devices and field-identification of plants
- Maintain all project equipment and usage logs including field sampling gear, vehicles and boats
- Data entry, analysis, and report writing
- Laboratory otolith work for age and growth studies of sportfish
- Participate in professional meetings and public outreach events as directed

Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: B.S. in fisheries or related field. Proficiency in operating and trailering boats (<24ft). Willing and able to work long hours in hot and humid conditions. Proficient swimmer. Ability to work well in a team setting. Be physically capable of lifting and using heavy (e.g., 50 lbs) sampling gear. Must be able to obtain a valid FL driver's license. Effective communication skills.

Desired Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: Experience with data analysis of fisheries data using R or similar statistical software package, and experience using ArcView or online GIS tools.

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