

**Postdoctoral Research Scholar in Acoustic Telemetry – Fish Biology Section
Fish and Wildlife Research Institute
Integrated Tracking of Aquatic Animals in the Gulf of Mexico (iTAG)**

Position: We seek a postdoctoral scholar with a background in quantitative fisheries ecology and its application to management to analyze data from multiple acoustic telemetry projects being conducted in the Florida Keys, western Florida nearshore waters, and in the Madison Swanson marine reserve. An additional objective of this position will be to conduct a gap analysis on current acoustic telemetry infrastructure and spatial ecology of high priority Gulf of Mexico (GOM) managed fish species (based on stock status, landings, and life history patterns). This gap analysis will be used to identify locations and species for which additional acoustic telemetry research could most effectively help to inform fisheries management. In addition, this synthesis will include an evaluation of the need for movement data to be integrated into ecosystem-based modeling in the GOM.

The successful candidate: will run data analyses, publish papers and give scientific presentations. There is also potential for gaining teaching experience at the University of Florida. This project is funded by the National Marine Fisheries Service/Protected Resources Division and will be led by Dr. Sue Lowerre-Barbieri (University of Florida/FWRI), working closely with members of the iTAG steering committee. Duties and responsibilities, in addition to those outlined above, also include helping with development of the iTAG network, iTAG outreach, mentoring students and technicians, and participating in on-going research within the Lowerre-Barbieri lab.

Applicants are expected to have a Ph.D. in Biology, Ecology, Oceanography, Fisheries or a related discipline from an accredited institution, experience with acoustic telemetry research, strong analytical background, and strong written and oral communication skills.

Start date: April 30, 2016 (or earlier)

Hourly Rate: \$23.00-\$25.25/hr, DOE

Position is for 12 months, with potential renewal for another 12 months. **AA/EO employer.**

Application Instructions: Candidates must complete a State of Florida Employment Application online in the People First system <https://jobs.myflorida.com/viewjob.html?optlink-view=view-868998&ERFormID=newjoblist&ERFormCode=any> for position #77907553 by the closing date, March 26, 2016. Applicants should include a cover letter including a statement of research interests and contact information, a CV, and three letters of recommendation. Call the People First Service Center (1-877-562-7287) if you need assistance applying online.

This is a full-time Other Personnel Services (OPS) position working with Dr. Lowerre-Barbieri, her research team, and the iTAG Steering Committee at the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission/ Fish and Wildlife Research Institute (FWRI). Interested/questions please email Sue at Susan.Barbieri@myfwc.com. For information on iTAG and on-going acoustic telemetry research at FWRI, please see: <http://myfwc.com/research/saltwater/telemetry/projects/tracking/> and <https://www.facebook.com/itagnetwork>.