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Dear Colleague:

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission is searching for a talented individual in Rhode Island to fill the position of Fisheries Specialist to assist the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM). Your help is requested in locating potential candidates.

The enclosed vacancy announcement describes the duties and qualifications for the Fisheries Specialist. The position will remain open until February 20, 2017. The position will be filled dependent on the qualifications of applicants.

If additional information regarding the application process is required, please give me a call at (703) 842-0740. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura C. Leach".

Laura C. Leach
Director of Finance and Administration

Enclosure



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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

FISHERIES SPECIALIST – RI MARINE FISHERIES AGE AND GROWTH TECHNICIAN

VACANCY #: 0024

Location: Jamestown, RI

Salary: \$ 33,000 annually with benefits

Closing Date: 02/20/2017

General Description: Working directly with RI DEM's Division of Fish and Wildlife, Marine Fisheries Program, the Fisheries Specialist will be responsible for assisting DEM biologists with fulfilling the goals and objectives of the DEM Age and growth Study.

Duties:

- 1) Collect biological data through port sampling conducted at RI seafood dealers including lengths, weights, and age structures.
- 2) Process finfish samples in the laboratory that have been donated to DEM by recreational and commercial fishermen or collected through DEM fisheries independent surveys.
- 3) Process age structures in the laboratory for ageing. Processing may include pressing scales, sectioning otoliths and/or processing operculum.
- 4) Enter and maintain biological data in the DEM age and growth database. Perform routine QA/QC protocols on the database.
- 5) Perform related duties as assigned.

Length of Appointment: The position will be a limited term appointment that will extend for a period of one year, with the option to amend or extend, pursuant to available funding and at the discretion of RIDEM.

Qualifications: Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in a science related field (e.g. Marine Biology, Biological Science, Natural Resource Science, or a related field) and experience synthesizing and analyzing fisheries data. Applicants must have proven analytical skills, as well as excellent written and oral communication skills. Must have the ability to work on multiple tasks, general knowledge of common software applications (e.g.; Word, Excel, Access, Web browsers), and a valid driver's license. Must be eligible to work in the United States.

Preferred qualifications include a Bachelor's degree in science-related field and 1 -2 years related experience in the marine environment, graduate degree and 0-1 year of experience, or equivalent combination. Prior field experience conducting finfish or lobster sampling and/or age and growth work strongly preferred. Knowledge of local or regional marine finfish species and management of those species strongly preferred. Ability to work independently and/or with minimal supervision, manage and prioritize multiple project components, and complete multiple tasks independently with respect to timeline(s). Experience communicating/working with seafood dealers is preferred.

Locations, Supervision, and Hours:

The Fisheries Specialist will work in the offices of RI DEM's Division of Fish and Wildlife, Marine Fisheries Program located in Jamestown, Rhode Island. Work will be performed in the office and field settings, which may include working in variable weather conditions, at remote locations, in hazardous terrain and under physically demanding circumstances. The position will also involve attending meetings with personnel involved in the project.

The Fisheries Specialist reports directly to RIDEM's Marine Fisheries Supervising Biologist. The incumbent is expected to exercise initiative in addressing the needs of data analysis and other areas of responsibility, with specific guidance from the RIDEM's Marine Fisheries Biologists.

This position is not qualified for overtime under the Fair Labor and Standards Act. Flexible working hours (with supervisory approval) are available under the Commission's policies; however, the Fisheries Specialist is a salaried employee, and is expected to work seven (7) hours/day, five (5) days/week.

Application Process: Please email a resume and cover letter referencing the vacancy number to Laura Leach, Director of Finance and Administration, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, 1050 N. Highland Street; Suite 200 A-N, Arlington, VA 22201 (asmfc-jobs@asmfc.org). The vacancy number must be identified in the subject line.

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (Commission) is comprised of the 15 Atlantic coast states under the terms of an interstate compact approved in 1942. The purpose of the Commission, as set forth by Article I of its Compact, is: To promote the better utilization of the fisheries, marine, shell and anadromous, of the Atlantic seaboard by the promotion and protection of such fisheries. As an instrumentality of the 15 Atlantic coastal states, the Commission is employed to coordinate conservation and management for nearshore migratory fishery resources.

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