



## Job Opening - Senior Fishery Biologist Bristol Bay Science and Research Institute (BBSRI)

**POSITION TITLE:** Senior Fishery Biologist

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

BBSRI is seeking to hire a Senior Fisheries Biologist to support and expand fisheries research and monitoring operations in the Bristol Bay area and Bering Sea. BBSRI works closely with resource managers, the fishing industry, municipalities, and communities to improve the management of area fish stocks and other natural resources. The position will be structured to work as part of a team to fulfill existing project obligations and new research initiatives. This is a full-time position with full benefits. Travel throughout the Bristol Bay area will be essential, and fieldwork may be up to 2-5 weeks annually.

BBSRI is a 501(c)(3) subsidiary of the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation. Its mission is to undertake scientific research and management that will foster economic and social benefits to the residents and communities of Bristol Bay to ensure sustainability of the region's renewable natural resources with an emphasis on its fish stocks and fisheries.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Assist the Executive Director in fulfilling existing research and monitoring obligations, and support activities to obtain funding for new research initiatives. Conduct field studies and related project operations, often independently. Including study design, implementation, data analysis and reporting.

In the short term (3-5 years) the incumbent will support the Nushagak Salmon Stock Assessment Initiative which seeks to address well-known shortcomings of the Nushagak salmon assessment program used for fishery management. Specifically, designing and implement field programs to improve the understanding of daily and annual numbers of Chinook, sockeye, and chum salmon in the catch and spawning escapement and build a robust and cost-effective assessment program for Nushagak salmon management.

In the long term, the incumbent will assist in identifying important topics and research needs for ensuring the sustainability of the regions fish stocks and fisheries then designing and implementing research programs to address these needs.

This position will be stationed in Anchorage; however, it will be responsible for the successful execution of several fisheries projects in the Bristol Bay Area. As such, this position will require travel to the field. The incumbent can set their own travel schedule as long as all pertinent project operations are accounted for, including training, project mobilization, in season assistance, and project demobilization

(expected travel would be about 2-5 weeks per summer). The successful applicant must be willing to travel by small boat and aircraft and able to remain overnight in remote field camps for up to a week at a time during the field season.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate abilities and experience consistent with the following:

- Master of Science, and preference for 5 years professional experience in fisheries; or
  - A Bachelor of Science in a fisheries related field and preference for 10 years professional experience in fisheries.
- Experience in Alaskan fisheries research, and an established network of professional and industry contacts.
- Leadership in a wide variety of topics and applications in fisheries research and monitoring.
- Project management experience in team building, task scheduling, supervision, and fiscal tracking.
- Strong analytical and technical writing skills with evidence of senior authorship on study proposals and reporting products. Preference for candidates with statistical analysis using software such as R or SAS.
- Proven experience and success in study design and implementation.
- Positive reviews from Professional seniors and peers who can describe your strengths and limitations.

**REPORTS TO:**

BBSRI Executive Director

**STARTING SALARY RANGE:**

\$80,000 + Depending on experience. Plus Benefits Package.

**DUTY STATION:**

Anchorage, Alaska

**CONTACT/APPLY:**

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