



Job Opening - Fishery Biologist

Bristol Bay Science and Research Institute (BBSRI)

POSITION TITLE: Junior Fisheries Biologist

ANNOUNCEMENT:

BBSRI is seeking to hire a Fisheries Biologist to support fisheries research and monitoring operations in the Bristol Bay area and Bering Sea. This is an excellent opportunity for an early career professional looking to expand their professional abilities from within a small and dynamic team with a track record of doing meaningful fisheries work associated with the world's largest salmon fishery. 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 benefits. Travel throughout the Bristol Bay area is essential, and fieldwork in various locations can represent a large portion of the summer field season.

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 research and monitoring obligations, and support activities to obtain funding for new research initiatives. Conduct field studies and related project operations, with direction. Assist with study design, implementation, data analysis and reporting. Consistently perform at a high level, and ultimately achieve independence in conducting all aspects of work.

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 existing Nushagak River salmon assessment program. The proposed work involves all aspects of implementing and operating new projects to estimate salmon escapement. This includes preseason planning and logistics, hiring technicians, training, deploying field projects, supervising data collection, camp demobilization, and assisting in data analysis and report writing.

In the long term, this position provides for career advancement and promotion. The incumbent will be mentored to further develop his/her skills in study design, implementation, data analysis and report writing to eventually be able to independently run all aspects of scientific research projects.

This position will be stationed in Anchorage, but the incumbent will be responsible for successful execution of several fisheries projects in the Bristol Bay Area of Alaska. As such, this position will require travel to the field and working in remote field camps. The successful applicant must be willing to travel by small boat and aircraft and work in remote field camps during the field season.

QUALIFICATIONS:

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

- Master of Science in a fisheries related field; or
 - a Bachelors of Science in a fisheries or biology related field and 2 years professional experience in fisheries.
- Experience in fish assessment methods and technologies, and data collection.
- Field operations in training, task scheduling, mechanical equipment operation and maintenance, and data management.
- Experience implementing projects in challenging remote Alaskan locations.
- Familiarity with hand and power tools, and building simple camp structures.
- Some experience with analysis, technical writing, and computers with evidence of junior authorship on study reporting products. Preference for candidates with statistical analysis using software such as R or SAS.
- Positive reviews from professional seniors and peers who can describe your strengths and limitations.

This position is roughly on par with the Fishery Biologist I / Fishery Biologist II positions with the State of Alaska.

REPORTS TO:

BBSRI Executive Director

STARTING SALARY RANGE:

DOE, Competitive salary and benefits.

DUTY STATION:

Anchorage, Alaska

CONTACT/APPLY:

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