Job Title: JIMAR PIFSC Fisheries Technician
Job ID: 27340
Project Name: JIMAR
Full/Part Time: Full-Time
Regular/Temporary: Regular
Closing Date: 07/20/2007

Job Summary

Regular, Full-Time, Limited-Term (up to twelve (12) months in duration), RCUH Non-Civil Service position with the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST), Joint Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Research (JIMAR), located at the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center (PIFSC) in Honolulu, Hawaii and the PIFSC WestLAB facility located at the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center in Aiea, Hawaii. Continuation of employment is dependent upon program/operational needs, satisfactory work performance, and availability of funds.

Minimum Monthly Salary:
$2,024.00.

Duties:
- Transports whole bottomfish from dockside fishing vessels to the laboratory.
- Processes fish to obtain length and weight measurements.
- Extracts and labels specimens of tissues and bony hardparts.
- Records all measurement and extracted specimen data, properly labels, preserves, and stores specimens, and properly disposes of processed fish carcasses.
- Communicates with fishing captains to plan for timely transfer of bottomfish arriving from fishing vessels at dockside (Honolulu Harbor and/or Kewalo Basin) into coolers for timely transfer by pickup-truck to laboratory facility.
- Same day processing of fish is required.
- Uses meter calipers, weight scales, meat saws, knives, scalpels, and forceps to measure, process and extract needed tissue and bony hardpart samples.
- Tissue preservation will require the safe handling of formaldehyde and/or ethanol.
- Performs daily data entry into spreadsheet to record vessel, species, length and weight measurements, sex, samples extracted, and other observations for each fish processed.
- Provides weekly spreadsheet report of all fish processed, measurements recorded, and tissue/hardpart samples saved.

Minimum Qualifications:

Education:
- Associates Degree from an accredited community college (or at least three (3) years of college level coursework) in the biological sciences, such as Zoology, Biology, or Animal Sciences.

Experience:
One to three (1-3) years of experience in a laboratory environment with an emphasis on biological research.
Experience in handling and processing fish.
Previous experience with basic fish measurements, data recording, and safe use of chemicals for preserving tissue samples.

Abil/Know/Skills:
- Basic knowledge of the internal and external anatomy of fishes.
- Basic knowledge of fish taxonomy and identification.
- Working knowledge of Excel; ability to enter and manipulate data within spreadsheet.
- Must possess a valid drivers license.
- Ability to use meat saws and various knives to slice open fish and extract otoliths and other bony hardparts.
- Must meet US Department of Commerce (DOC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration security requirements for working in a federal facility which includes being fingerprinted and having a federal background check performed.

Physical/Medical Requirements:
- Must be able to lift up to seventy-five (75) pounds of fish into and out of pick-up truck and chest freezers.

Desirable Qualifications:
- Bachelors Degree from an accredited four (4) year college or university in biological or marine sciences, or related field.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to identify bottomfish (snapper/grouper fishes) from the Hawaiian Archipelago by species.
- Proficient in the extraction of otoliths from fish heads.
- Work experience in a diversified cultural environment.

Inquiries:
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Application Requirements:
The preferred method of applying for a job is through our on-line application process. Please go to www.rcuh.com, click on Employment and navigate to Job Announcements/Apply for a Job. However, if you do not have access to the Internet, you may apply by submitting resume; cover letter including Recruitment ID#, referral source, narrative of your qualifications for position and salary history; names, phone numbers and addresses of three supervisory references and copy of degree(s)/transcripts/certificate(s) to qualify for position by fax (808) 956-5022 or mail to Director of Human Resources, Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii, 2530 Dole Street, Sakamaki Hall D-100, Honolulu, HI 96822 before the closing date. EEO/AA Employer.