JOB TITLE: MARINE PROTECTED AREA (MPA) PROGRAM LEADER

American Samoa Government, Department of Marine Wildlife Resources

JOB FAMILY: Science

JOB NUMBER: 400001 (Fisheries Biologist III, Supervisor)

SALARY GRADE: GS15

A. ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

The Marine Protected Area (MPA) Program Leader provides technical and scientific guidance for conservation actions including planning, field operations, data collection and analysis, measures of conservation success and reporting. This may include some or all of the following functions:

- Serve as the Program Leader of the Marine Protected Area Program.

- Develop and implement defensible no-take MPA implementation efforts, including prioritization of sites and management actions for protection, with an emphasis on biodiversity benefits.

- Coordinate and facilitate public meetings.

- Collect biological and socioeconomic field data in potential MPA locations.

- Associated administrative duties include development of annual work plans and budgets, grant applications, preparation of reports, supervision of 2-4 technicians, and ensuring ESA compliance.

B. REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:

- A Masters degree (preferred) in natural resource management, natural sciences, or social science area relevant to the themes of the MPA Program (such as ecology, botany, conservation biology, anthropology, geography, law, economics, natural resources management policy, education, or business administration). The ideal candidate will have a degree mixture that bridges the biological and social sciences in the context of biodiversity conservation – AND – two years of experience in a closely related field.

- A Bachelor's degree in related field – AND - five years of experience in a closely related field can substitute for above education requirements.
- One year of experience must have included lead work or experience supervising others in the completion of tasks in an indoor and outdoor setting where responsibilities include training others and communicating goals.

- Scuba diving certification and/or snorkeling experience and ability to swim (a swim test is required).

- Ability to collect, analyze, and interpret biological and socioeconomic scientific data and prepare reports of findings.

- Experience living in remote Pacific Islands, and American Samoa experience, strongly preferred.

- Work and communicate effectively with a diverse group of people, including scientists, staff and others, providing and obtaining needed information.

- Ability to write grants and research proposals.

SALARY: $30,000 U.S. per year with a two year contract renewable by mutual consent. Annual and sick leave accumulate at 8 hours and 4 hours per bi-weekly pay period. Subsidized housing (80% subsidized) and medical care.

TO APPLY:

Send or fax cover letter, resume, name and phone numbers of 3 references.

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