**Hawaiian spinner dolphin regulatory specialist**

Ocean Associates Inc. is seeking a candidate who will provide professional support to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Pacific Islands Regional Office (PIRO) with developing and implementing a proposed rule to manage spinner dolphins, conducting public hearings on the proposed rule, and coordinating with various divisions of the State of Hawaii Department of Lands and Natural Resources (DLNR) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) to implement management measures of the final rule under the MMPA. Work may also include implementation and management of the Dolphin SMART program in Hawaii in coordination with the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary (HIHWNMS), the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS), and the NMFS Southeast Regional Office (SERO).

**Duties**

- Coordinate review and clearance of the proposed rule through NMFS Headquarters
- Make venue arrangements for public hearings
- Coordinate with the PRD outreach/education specialist to develop advertising
- Arrange for facilitator and stenographer contract assistance
- Compile and analyze public comments on the proposed rule and Draft EIS
- Develop responses to public comments
- Coordinate with the State of Hawaii DLNR and the ACOE on implementation of final rule’s management measures, including obtaining necessary permits

Secondary duties should time and workload allow

- Coordinate with the FKNMS, HIHWNMS, and NMFS SERO to implement the Dolphin SMART program in Hawaii
- Revise Dolphin SMART program materials for use in Hawaii
- Contact dolphin tour operators, plan and conduct Dolphin SMART trainings
- Conduct reviews of dolphin tour operators’ websites and advertising materials to evaluate compliance with Dolphin SMART standards
- Coordinate volunteers to conduct annual “secret shopper” evaluations of Dolphin Smart participants

Travel will be required from Oahu to the neighbor islands to facilitate the implementation of the final rule, as well as to conduct the public hearings on the proposed rule.

**Minimum experience or background requirements**

- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university in biology or a natural resources-related field of study and three (3) years experience, or Master’s degree and one (1) year experience relating to specific task orders.
- Knowledge of the MMPA.
- Knowledge of Hawaiian spinner dolphins and the dolphin tour industry in Hawaii.
- Valid driver’s license.
- Ability to work well within a team to accomplish stated objectives.
- Experience with computer programs such as Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, and Word.
- Skill in written communication.
- Organizational skills.

Place of Performance: Honolulu, Hawaii
Work schedule: full-time (average 40 hours per week)
Period of Performance: August 2, 2010 through August 31, 2011.
Compensation: 19.31 $/hr + benefits
If you are interested in being considered for this position, please email your resume to Jobs *at* OceanAssoc.com
Please use “5015 MMPA” as the subject line.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until July 21, 2010.