

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 establishing an enhanced coral reef conservation presence within the Habitat Conservation Division (HCD) through research, training, and extension services. The Fishery Extension Agent will interact directly with State fisheries resource agencies, the University of Hawaii, and the fishing public at large to promote near shore coral reef resource conservation.

Duties

- Participate in and designs projects that focus on fostering a favorable relationship with the local fishing community throughout the Hawaiian Islands.
- Formulate a variety of approaches to gain the trust and confidence of fishers and other resources users. Share information of mutual interest to fishers and coastal and marine resources managers.
- Serves as a steering committee member for the Fisheries Local Action Strategy Hawaii (FLASH) group which consists of members from the Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources (HDAR), NOAA (Fisheries and Ocean Service), University of Hawaii and others.
- Serves as a liaison between the various groups performing fishery outreach activities. These include Federal, State and private organizations.
- Attends meetings of fishing clubs (casting, boating, trolling and diving) and other fishing related organizations to address topics of concern by fishermen. Attends fishing tournaments on all islands and conducts outreach activities. Sets up meetings clubs and other organizations and individuals and resource agency personnel, as appropriate, to provide more detailed discourse or promote discussion and information sharing.

Minimum experience or background requirements

- Must have knowledge of fisheries management techniques and fisheries science. Familiarity with coral reef fishing practices, methods and Hawaiian Reef species.
- Must have strong oral and written communication skills. Ability to work as a member of a team or team leader. Ability to work independently and conduct research. Ability to seek guidance from an advisory group and then carry out tasks with little direct supervision.
- Must have the ability to conduct/facilitate meetings that often include controversial/adversarial issues and participants. Excellent interpersonal skills
- Previous experience working with fishers is desired

Place of Performance: Honolulu, Hawaii

Work schedule: full-time (average 40 hours per week)

Period of Performance: 1 year with potential to continue based on performance and funding.

Compensation: 21.38 \$/hr + benefits

If you are interested in being considered for this position, please email your resume to Jobs *at* OceanAssoc.com

Use "FEA" as the subject line. PDF documents are preferred and please include your name in the filename.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.