Position: Senior Wildlife Biologist/Wildlife Section Supervisor

Closing Date: 31 May 2011. Position needs to be filled ASAP. Application review and consideration will begin as soon as materials are received from qualified individuals.

Location: The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) consists of the northern 14 islands of the Mariana archipelago (i.e., all those north of Guam). The three southern islands of Rota, Tinian, and Saipan are the most heavily populated, the latter of which is the seat of the local government and where the Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) is located. The base location for this position will be Saipan.

Nature of Work: The primary duty of the Wildlife Supervisor is to serve as grant manager for the CNMI DFW-Wildlife Restoration Program (funded by the Federal Aid Program); second will be supervision of three Wildlife Biologists and four Wildlife Technicians. The Wildlife Section researches and monitors wildlife of the CNMI including 11 endemic birds (7 of which are IUCN red-listed), the endangered Mariana Fruit Bat, and other local wildlife such as coconut crabs and feral ungulates. The three Wildlife Biologists manage individual projects under the DFW’s wildlife grants including development review and permitting, avian conservation projects, and endangered species (birds and bats) research and monitoring. The four Wildlife Technicians support the Wildlife Supervisor and Wildlife Biologists with survey work and data entry.

The Wildlife Supervisor, in coordination with the Wildlife Biologists, will be directly in charge of budgeting, procurement, and inventory for wildlife projects. The incumbent will organize and be responsible for the timely submission of grant proposals, yearly grant agreements, and annual reports and updating Standard Operating Procedures as necessary. He/she will supervise and/or organize the completion of wildlife monitoring surveys on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, and will coordinate with other DFW sections and local and federal governmental agencies. Additionally, the Wildlife Supervisor will review and comment on legislation and policy that effect the CNMI’s wildlife natural resources and review scientific research permits. The incumbent will be DFW’s representative for multi-agency committees and meetings which may include the local Zoning Board, Coastal Resources Management Board, Water Task Force, Invasive Species Task Force, and local area conservation committee meetings. He/she will also have the opportunity to develop new research projects within the Wildlife Restoration grant program.

Living on Saipan provides numerous benefits including good diving, snorkeling, swimming, and other water sports, access to gorgeous tropical beaches, no temperate winter climate, great sushi, and a chance to live in a diverse multicultural community.

Qualifications: This position requires at least a Master’s degree in wildlife biology, ecology, ornithology, zoology, mammalogy, or other closely related field, and at least three years experience managing programs, grants, budgets, contracts, and supervising professional staff (many of whom have Master’s Degrees) and technicians. Experience managing and writing grants for Federal Aid funded projects, or other experience with the Federal Aid Program, is highly desirable. Preferred candidates will additionally have broad ecological and environmental survey, research, and management/conservation experience and education. They will be experienced in a broad spectrum of wildlife and habitat surveys including avian, bat, vegetation, endangered species, and development review and permitting, and will be versed in the use of GIS. A successful candidate will have experience working closely with other local and federal agencies, will work well in teams while being independent, and will demonstrate initiative in resolving conservation issues. Flexibility, patience, and tolerance in a multicultural community like that of the CNMI are essential. This position does require occasional travel and work in the field, sometimes under strenuous and hot conditions.

Eligibility and Appointment: United States Citizens or legal residents ONLY. This is a one year term appointment renewable upon mutual consent. Salary: $42,000-$49,000 commensurate with experience. Travel and limited relocation expenses will be paid.

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