

Details of Job No. 26130

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Job Number: 26130 (Classification: Full time Positions)

Title: Fisheries Observer/Biologist

Agency: Saltwater Inc.

Location: Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, California

Job Description: Saltwater Inc. is currently hiring Fisheries Observers for Alaska, West Coast, and Hawaii.

Alaska

Alaska groundfish observers gather data onboard commercial fishing boats working out of ports along the Gulf of Alaska and the Bering Sea. Most of the assignments are based out of Dutch Harbor, Kodiak, King Cove, or Akutan, Alaska.

West Coast

West Coast groundfish observers gather data onboard commercial fishing boats working out of ports along the West Coast of the United States. Assignments may be based out of Bellingham, WA, Astoria, OR, Newport, OR, Coos Bay, OR, Crescent City, CA, Eureka, CA, Fort Bragg, CA and San Francisco, CA.

Hawaii

Observers in Hawaii are deployed on longline tuna and swordfish vessels. This program is based out of Honolulu and involves collecting data on interactions with sea turtles, sea birds, and protected marine mammal species, as well as collecting information on target and bycatch species.

Vessels range in size from 49 to 100 feet and living and working conditions on these boats can be quite primitive. In the tuna fishery trips last about 21 days, while swordfish trips are typically about 30 days.

- Qualifications:**
- * Provide independent catch estimates
 - * Sample species composition
 - * Provide fish ID and measurements
 - * Collect biological samples
 - * Monitor marine mammal and bird interactions
 - * Document fishing activity (set times, positions, gear performance, etc.)
 - * Record and report all data to NMFS
 - * Comply with all regulatory requirements
 - * Carry out assigned special projects

Preferred Experience:

- * Previous experience as a marine mammal or fisheries observer.
- * Previous experience in scientific data collection, and data entry beyond college.
- * Previous ocean experience aboard boats.
- * Valid and current passport.

Trainings

Alaska Groundfish-May 9 in Anchorage, AK.

West Coast- May 9 in Newport, OR.

Hawaii-June 13 in Honolulu, HI.

Further information on these positions can be found on our website <http://www.saltwaterinc.com>.

If interested please visit our website, click How do I Apply, to be directed to our online application.

Salary: DOE

Last Date to apply: May 2, 2011

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