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Research Fish Biologist 11

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I. INTRODUCTION

This position is located in

Serves as a researcher or member of a research team performing research on critical problems of fisheries resource management.

II. MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Writes scientific papers for publication, investigates long range and short term problems, and recommends solutions for conservation, habitat preservation, and protection of the fisheries resource. Work supports the goal of protecting, restoring, and managing the use of coastal and ocean resources through an ecosystem approach to management.

III. FACTOR LEVELS

Factor 1 - Research Situation Degree A, 2 points

Projects are readily defined and limited in scope. Assignments may be part of a larger assignment to study specific fisheries problems, or they may be segments of a larger investigation. The incumbent usually participates substantively in all phases of the research investigation, including problem definition, planning, execution, analysis, interpretation, and reporting of findings.

Investigations may cover new areas in fisheries research, where the objectives are clear-cut and fairly conventional, or they may involve applying existing theory or methods to new problems not previously studied.

Projects are expected to result in a publishable addition to scientific knowledge.

Factor 2 - Supervision Received Degree A, 2 points

The supervisor gives general instructions as to scope/objectives of fisheries investigations to be conducted. Incumbent consults with supervisor on problem definition and development of plan and attack. Incumbent is responsible for the study and pursues it to completion, solving problems ordinarily entailed in accomplishment of the work with only occasional reference to the supervisor. Incumbent interprets results and prepares reports. Significant changes in predicted outcomes are reviewed by the supervisor.

Factor 3 - Guidelines and Originality Degree A, 2 points

At this level the incumbent uses existing theory and methods that are generally applicable to most problems. The originality required is primarily the development of a complete and adequate research design for the particular project for which s/he is responsible. Only limited innovation or modification of procedures and techniques is required. They may apply complex but established experimental techniques.

Factor 4 - Qualifications and Scientific Contributions Degree A, 4 points

Performs independent fisheries research as member of a research team. Has contributed as co-author, in a secondary role, to works that were published in major scientific papers and which were of major importance to the fisheries field. May be senior author on paper of minor importance to a limited area in fisheries science.

TOTAL POINTS = 10

This position is exempt from coverage under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

IV. UNIQUE POSITION REQUIREMENTS

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