Job Opportunity OPS Fisheries & Wildlife Biological Scientist III located in Tallahassee

Requisition No: 16967

Agency: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Working Title: OPS-F & W Biological Scientist III - 77905015

Position Number: 77905015

Salary: $18.21 an hour

Posting Closing Date: 08/15/2017

Address: 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee Florida 32399

Broadband code: 19-1023-03

Class code: 5074

Region: Northwest

Title: Fisheries & Wildlife Biological Scientist III, OPS

County: Leon

Working hours: 8 to 5

List of any subordinates supervised: none

Residency requirement: none

Level of Education & Experience- A Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university with a major in one of the biological, physical or natural sciences and one year of professional experience; or a master’s degree with major course of study in one of the biological sciences.

OPS Employment Description: The position is OPS (Other Personnel Services) which means that employees are paid for the number of hours they work. OPS employees do not receive any form of paid leave, paid holidays, or participation in the Florida Retirement System. OPS employees do have the option to receive health insurance benefits.

Salary: $18.21 per hour

Description of duties:

This position is located within the Imperiled Species Management Section and assists with developing conservation measures to reduce potential adverse impacts to species under the responsibility of the Section; with a focus on sea turtles and lighting. Responsibilities of the position include, but are not limited to: 1) review proposed development plans and provides comments focused on lighting impacts to sea turtle nesting beaches to regulatory agencies for Environmental Resource Permits (ERP), Coastal Construction Control Line permits (CCCL), and Joint Coastal Permits (JCP); 2) work with stakeholders and/or local governments to address sea turtle lighting; 3) provide technical assistance to other sections
within the agency, as well as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Army Corps of Engineers, Port Authorities, and county/city governments; 4) initiate, manage or attend meetings, workshops, and create/give presentations; 5) manage FWC’s Wildlife Lighting Certification program to identify appropriate lighting options for beachfront developments; 6) perform other duties as required, including but not limited to: information and outreach, assistance with recovery and rescue.

Knowledge, skills and abilities: Knowledge of terminology, principles, and techniques used in biological research, analysis or testing with a focus on sea turtles and lighting; Knowledge of scientific method; Ability to plan, organize and prioritize work assignments; Ability to meet deadlines; Ability to communicate verbally and in writing; Ability to write technical reports and agency correspondence; Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with agency staff, the public and stakeholders particularly local governments; Ability to work independently and on teams; Skills and knowledge in MS Office, and MS SharePoint.

Previous experience with the state of Florida manatee or sea turtle management or research programs, the state Environmental Resource Permitting (ERP) Program, local code enforcement processes, and conducting lighting surveys on Florida beaches is preferred. Experience driving vehicles hauling trailers is preferred. Previous experience with MS SharePoint and MS Office Suite is highly desired. Statewide travel is required.

Provide a cover letter and a resume when applying for the position.

Position Requirements:

1. Possess and maintain a valid Florida driver’s license.
2. Travel is required to perform the duties of this position (1-25%).

The State Florida hires only U.S. citizens and lawfully authorized alien workers. If a conditional offer of employment is made, you will be required to provide identification and proof of citizenship and or authorization to work in the United States for the hiring authority to which applications is made. E-Verify will be used to confirm work authorization.

The State of Florida is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Affirmative Action Employer, and does not tolerate discrimination or violence in the workplace.

Candidates requiring a reasonable accommodation, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, must notify the agency hiring authority and/or People First Service Center (1-866-663-4735). Notification to the hiring authority must be made in advance to allow sufficient time to provide the accommodation.

The State of Florida supports a Drug-Free workplace. All employees are subject to reasonable suspicion drug testing in accordance with Section 112.0455, F.S., Drug-Free Workplace Act.