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## WILDLIFE AIDE

### **Nature of Work**

Under general supervision, performs semi-skilled work at a wildlife resources facility, such as a fish hatchery, the Wildlife Center, a district office, or a wildlife management area. Work can be physically demanding and performed in varying climatic conditions. Instructions are provided for performance of work, but field activities may be performed without immediate supervision. Performs related work as required.

### **Distinguishing Characteristics**

Provides non-technical or semi-technical assistance in the operations of a wildlife resources facility. May supervise temporary workers.

### **Examples of Work**

Loads fingerling and stocking-sized fish in a tank truck and drives to release sites.

Releases fingerling and stocking-sized fish into specified waters.

Feeds pre-determined ration to fish on an established schedule.

Constructs and repairs screens, gates, traps, nets, seines, and other equipment used in holding and caring for fish.

Cleans rearing units, ponds, raceways, and other hatchery equipment with brushes, chemicals and water; makes routine repairs on all hatchery equipment.

Observes fish for diseases and abnormalities and reports these to supervisors.

Removes and disposes of mortalities from stock.

Mows grass, rakes leaves, repairs roads, cuts brush, picks up trash and performs routine grounds maintenance.

Cleans offices and buildings, paints buildings and fences, performs routine building maintenance; may perform minor carpentry, electrical, plumbing and masonry work in construction, alteration or repair of state facility.

May lead work parties involved in specific projects of temporary duration at the facility.

May work on acid stream neutralization projects.

Monitors animals in cages, feeds them on schedule, and cleans cages as required.

May conduct surveys or operate game checking stations.

### **Knowledge, Skill and Abilities**

General knowledge of basic building maintenance trades.

Knowledge of basic first aid procedures, safety regulations, and precautionary measures.

Skill in operation of simple machines, motors, and tools.

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**WILDLIFE AIDE (CONT'D)**

**Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (cont'd)**

Knowledge of basic building maintenance trades.

Knowledge of basic safety regulations and precautionary measures.

Skill in the operation of hatchery tools and equipment.

Ability to learn to operate hatchery tools and equipment and make minor repairs on equipment used, such as: farm tractor and attachments, chainsaw, two-ton truck, lawn mower, water pump, generator, and small hand tools.

Ability to perform some arduous manual tasks for long hours under varying climatic conditions.

Ability to lead the work of others and maintain effective working relationships with the general public, supervisors, and co-workers.

Ability to meet the public and provide information as needed.

**Minimum Qualifications**

TRAINING Graduation from a standard four-year high school or equivalent.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT For employment at a state fish hatchery, applicants must obtain a valid commercial driver's license within six months of original appointment or transfer or be dismissed. For employment at other locations, a regular West Virginia drivers license is required.

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