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FISH AND WILDLIFE TECHNICIAN 2

Nature of Work

Under general supervision, performs technical activities at the full-performance level at wildlife resources facilities, such as a fish hatchery, the Wildlife Center or a wildlife management area. These positions will conduct tasks, such as maintaining buildings, grounds and equipment; and technical task such as rearing and distributing fish and wildlife; monitoring fish and wildlife populations; conducting tasks related to land and habitat surveying and classification; or surveying clients. Performs work without immediate guidance, but under the general supervision of a hatchery manager, wildlife biologist or other professional staff. Works on a team performing specific activities at the primary area of assignment. Interacts with the public to provide information on wildlife resources section projects and programs. Work can be physically demanding and performed in varying climatic conditions. Performs related work as required.

Distinguishing Characteristics

These positions are distinguished from the Fish and Wildlife Technician 1 as these positions provide technical assistance in the operations at a wildlife management area, fish hatchery and other wildlife resources facilities. These positions may serve as a lead worker.

Examples of Work

Performs technical tasks related to grounds and building maintenance, such as cutting grass and brush, minor carpentry, painting, electrical, plumbing and masonry work in maintaining facilities.

Operates a variety of equipment necessary to maintain a wildlife management area, hatchery facility or a wildlife management program.

Performs technical tasks related to the rearing and stocking of hatchery-reared fish, such as spawning and feeding of fish; monitoring fish conditions and growth, as well as, water quality in rearing facilities; collecting broodfish and harvesting and transporting fish to stockable waters.

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

Supports with surveys of fish and wildlife populations. Records information in a clear and concise manner.

Supports with habitat management tasks, such as acid neutralization or streams and lakes, placement of habitat structure in water bodies, the mowing and cutting of vegetation and surveying and classifying habitat and land boundaries.

Interacts with the public to provide information of wildlife resources section projects and programs.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Knowledge of fish culture and animal husbandry techniques and management.

Knowledge of basic natural management techniques related to habitat management.

Knowledge of fish and wildlife species and their habitat requirements.

Knowledge of basic grounds and building maintenance trades.

Knowledge of basic safety regulations and precautionary measures.

Knowledge of computer skills and natural resources related software.

Skill in the operation of hand tools and equipment.

Ability to operate and perform minor maintenance on equipment, such as farm tractors and implements, chain saws, four-wheel drive vehicles, dump trucks, trailers, lawn mowers, generators, small power tools and outboard motorboats, etc.

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Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (cont'd)

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

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships.

Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.

Ability to follow verbal and written instructions with limited supervision.

Minimum Qualifications

Training: Associate of Science degree from an accredited college or university in fish or wildlife management, natural resources management, fish culture, agriculture or related field.

Substitution: High school diploma or equivalent.

AND

Four years of full-time or equivalent part-time paid experience in fish or wildlife management, fish culture or agriculture.

Special Requirement: A valid West Virginia driver's license is required. May be required to obtain a commercial driver's license. May be required to successfully complete special natural resource police officer training and pistol qualification requirements as established by the Division of Natural Resources, Law Enforcement Section.

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