Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Employment Announcement

Title: WATER RESOURCES MGT SPEC (2 Positions)

Contact: Vic C. Pappas

Location: DNR Peninsula Park, 9462 Shore Road, Fish Creek, WI 54212

Telephone Number: (920) 892-8756

Hourly Rate: $13.00 per hour.

Duration: Job starts approximately May 20, 2012

Application Deadline: May 4, 2012

To Apply: Submit Form 9100-162 LTE Application (hard copy also available at most DNR offices) , resume and references to:

Job Description:
Provide voluntary watercraft decontamination service and educational materials to boaters that are using the Peninsula State Park boat launch and other public launches along the Lake Michigan coastline. Perform Clean Boats Clean Waters inspections of boats and conduct visual compliance checks of boaters leaving launches to assess level of compliance with Wisconsin's AIS laws. Develop and conduct educational programs at state parks and elsewhere along the Lake Michigan coastline to increase the public’s awareness of the importance of AIS prevention, containment and control. Work closely with AIS County Coordinators, Sea Grant staff and other Department staff along the Lake Michigan coastline to coordinate AIS decontamination and educational services. 50 % Watercraft Decontamination Become trained to properly use and maintain the Departments decontamination equipment. Offer to decontaminate watercraft leaving public boat launches at state parks in Door County and municipal launches along Lake Michigan. Discuss the benefits of decontamination and provide educational materials to the public and survey their willingness to participate in a statewide decontamination program. Working with the Statewide AIS Coordinator, develop a public survey to assess the public’s willingness to participate in a statewide decontamination program. Enter survey data in to SWIMS. Attend AIS Program planning meetings. Provide reports necessary to comply with federal funding source requirements. 50 % AIS Outreach Become trained as Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) trainer. Work to expand CBCW network in the Great Lakes Basin by training volunteers or paid staff. Work with local units of government, nonprofit conservation organizations, lake organizations and other existing networks to expand the CBCW network. Conduct watercraft inspections at launch sites and provide information and educational materials about AIS to boaters and user groups. Recruit and train citizen volunteer monitors. Work with local law enforcement staff, conservation wardens and water guards to promote compliance with AIS laws. Assist in the dissemination of informational materials to help educate the public. Attend workshops, conferences, fairs, and other events to provide information, give presentations and talk with the public about the AIS Partnership. Explore opportunities to form new partnerships with existing organizations or groups to increase the distribution of the AIS message.
Knowledge Required: Education, training or experience in aquatic biology or water resource management principals. The individual must have basic knowledge of aquatic invasive species and methods to prevent their spread in the State of Wisconsin. Basic knowledge and taxonomic skills to identify common aquatic invasive species common in Wisconsin. Experience with computer operation including Word and Excel programs; Must be self motivated, punctual, and the ability to work independently while exercising sound judgment. Customer service principals and ability to communicate effectively with co-workers, and the public is a must. This position will require the Wisconsin Drivers License and the ability to safely handle power equipment.

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Application materials will be reviewed and the most qualified candidates will be invited for an interview.

Additional Information:
These individuals will be expected to be physically capable of handling vehicles with trailers, and carrying display materials. Work will be expected to be both indoors and outside potentially in challenging weather conditions. Gasoline powered decontamination equipment, computers, vehicles, trailers and audio visual equipment will be a part of these positions. These individuals will be expected to travel along the Lake Michigan coastline but are stationed and expected to work primarily at the Peninsula State Park. There is no housing available at the State Park. They may be asked to travel to meetings and training sessions located elsewhere in the state.