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Current Announcement

BIOLOGIST III – 70723
INLAND FISH OPTION – 046

Salary: $47,757.60 - $72,686.40
Announcement Date: December 7, 2011
Application Deadline: December 28, 2011

JOB INFORMATION

The Biologist III – Inland Fish Option is a permanent full-time position with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Positions are in various locations throughout Alabama. This is advanced management and scientific research work in the study, development, and improvement of state aquatic wildlife.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Current permanent status and one year time-in-grade as a Biologist II – Inland Fish Option with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- Graduation from an accredited* college or university with a Bachelor's degree in Fisheries Management, Fisheries Science, Aquaculture, or a closely related field.
- Three years of professional experience in fisheries research, management, or aquaculture (qualifying professional experience includes work with fish, mussels, snails, and/or crayfish).

NOTE

- Graduation from an accredited* college or university with a Master's degree in Fisheries Management, Fisheries Science, Aquaculture, or a closely related field can substitute for two years of the required professional experience in fisheries research, management, or aquaculture (qualifying professional experience includes work with fish, mussels, snails, and/or crayfish).

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Possession of a valid Alabama driver's license at time of appointment or the ability to obtain one during the probationary period.
- Applicants must meet the educational requirements to be certified by the American Fisheries Society as a Fisheries Scientist.
- Some positions for this classification may require applicants to obtain a boating operator's license and/or commercial driver's license during the probationary period.

EXAMINATION

- **Promotional** to current state employees in the job classification listed above.
- An evaluation of **Training and Experience** as shown on application will comprise 95% of the applicant's final score for the promotional register, with the remaining 5% being based on the average of the applicant's service ratings for the last three years.

HOW TO APPLY

- Complete an Application for Examination Form available at ***www.personnel.alabama.gov***, the above address, or any Alabama Career Center Office.
- Apply by mail or by fax.

Individuals currently on the register MUST reapply to remain eligible for employment.
Veteran's credits are NOT allowed on promotional examinations.

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Promotional

*Please refer to the back of this announcement for complete information on State Personnel's policy for accepting post-secondary and advanced degrees.

Except for pretest information provided by State Personnel to all applicants, you should not directly or indirectly obtain information about examinations. If you do, the State Personnel Director may do several things. One, you may not be given an examination. Two, you may be disqualified after an examination. Three, your name may be removed from a register. Or four, your name may not be certified from the register. (Rules of the State Personnel Board, Chapter 670-x-9). According to the Code of Alabama, 36-26-47, a willful violation of exam security is a misdemeanor. Any person who is convicted of this type of misdemeanor will not get a state job. If they are officers or employees of the state, they will be required to forfeit their office or position for five years.

If you know of anyone who has violated this policy, you should contact the Examination Manager at the State Personnel Department.

State of Alabama Personnel Department Policy on Accepting College Coursework, Post-Secondary and Advanced Degrees

1. Specific college coursework required for a job, as well as Bachelor's, graduate, post graduate, and doctoral degrees will be accepted from the schools accredited by any of the six regional accreditation associations in the United States. These associations are listed below.

- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
- Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA)
- Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)
- North Central Association of Colleges and Schools – The Higher Learning Commission (NCA-HLC)
- New England Association of Schools and Colleges – Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (NEASC-CIHE)
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges – Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities (WASC-ACSCU)

2. Coursework or degrees from schools that have not been accredited by a regional accreditation association will be accepted if a regionally accredited school considers the coursework or degree to be an acceptable prerequisite for admission to an advanced degree program. For example, if a regionally accredited school accepts an applicant's bachelor's degree for admittance into a graduate degree program, State Personnel will accept the degree. In the case of required college coursework (but no degree requirement), State Personnel will accept the college coursework if a regionally accredited school accepts the coursework towards a post-secondary degree (e.g., a bachelor's degree). ***This must be documented by a letter of acceptance from the regionally accredited school.*** State Personnel will review such requests on a case-by-case basis.

Note:This policy is subject to change. Certain state agencies may have additional requirements.