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Research Fish Biologist 09

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I. INTRODUCTION

This position is located in

Serves as research assistant to higher graded scientists performing research on critical problems of fisheries resource management. Work supports the goal of protecting, restoring, and managing the use of coastal and ocean resources through an ecosystem approach to management.

II. MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Assists principal fisheries researchers in the study of long and short term fisheries resource management problems and/or contributes to scientific papers for publication. Carries out assignments in accordance with established fisheries research methodology. May conduct experiments as well as statistically analyze physiological, behavioral and morphological data, following the general research plan established by the higher level fisheries scientists.

III. FACTOR LEVELS

Factor 1 - Research Situation

Research studies may be complex but have clear and specified objectives. Plans project details on the basis of precedents established in related projects, and devises and recommends alternative methods of standardized analysis as a basis for solving moderately difficult problems. Has a greater responsibility for fact-finding than fact interpretation.

Factor 2 - Supervision Received

General instruction and objectives regarding the design, execution and evaluation of the research is provided by the principal fishery scientist. The nature of the results to be expected are described by the supervisor. Supervisor is available to discuss potential sources of difficulty. Supervisor reviews work plans and provides advice during progress of work. Completed reports are reviewed from the standpoint of adequacy, completeness, and validity of conclusions reached.

Factor 3 - Guidelines and Originality

Precedents are generally available in the form of previous studies on related subjects, standard methods in textbooks, handbooks, or other literature. Most assignments require incumbent to apply judgment in selecting which guides apply and the assignment may require some adaptation and modification of existing guidelines.

This position is exempt from coverage under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

IV. UNIQUE POSITION REQUIREMENTS

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