



Fishery Technician – Temporary

Agency: Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Bureau: Fisheries

Job Location: Bonners Ferry, Idaho

Salary: \$18.61 /hour

Dates Needed: December 2026-April 2027

SPECIAL NOTIFICATION: This position is exempt from classified state service and the rules of the Division of Human Resources and the Idaho Personnel Commission. This job announcement will remain open until the position has been filled. Applications will be periodically reviewed as they are received. Applicants are encouraged to apply and submit their applications as soon as possible.

Description:

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is seeking a Biological Aide. This position will be located at our field station located in Naples, ID. This is a temporary position and is expected to work up to 40 hours per week. Housing is available for the employee only. No pets.

Why IDFG? We are a premier natural resource agency dedicated to preserving, protecting, perpetuating, and managing Idaho's fish and wildlife for this great state. We are committed to creativity, innovation, and excellence as we cultivate opportunities for our customers to engage with our natural resources and become resource stewards for future generations. We are highly dedicated to our mission, committed to our team, and we know how to balance work/life commitments while loving the work we do.

The primary focus of this position will be to collect biological data on Burbot and other native species in the Kootenai basin. Work will be conducted on the mainstem and tributaries of the Kootenai River in both Idaho and southern British Columbia. Most time will be spent sampling with hoop nets and the remaining time will be spent doing various activities to monitor fish populations within the basin including but not limited to boat electrofishing, maintaining a passive array of sonic telemetry receivers, remote PIT tag antennas, and various maintenance of sampling equipment.

Supplemental Information:

Some positions may travel to remote locations for data collection and maintenance activities; require the physical ability to walk and backpack for several hours over rugged terrain and along water ways; stand and work in cold water for up to 10 hours per shift; hitch and pull trailers; lift

and carry up to 60+ pounds with occasional lifting and carrying up to 100 pounds for short distances; and work in extreme weather conditions. Operate motorized equipment including, boats, tractors, landscaping equipment, snowmobiles, and/or UTVs. Evening, weekend, and holiday work may be required. Frequent (overnight) in-state travel may be required.

Responsibilities:

- Conduct fish population surveys on streams, lakes and reservoirs
- Assist with habitat improvement projects; conduct creel survey interviews
- Prepare, repair, and gather equipment for surveys
- Data collection
- Data entry
- Prepare biological sample collection kits
- Prepare fish aging structures

Minimum Qualifications:

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Must be at least 18 years old
- Possess a valid driver's license
- Experience following oral and written instructions, policies, and procedures
- Some knowledge of biology, zoology, botany, conservation biology or closely related field
- Some knowledge of life history, anatomy, and ecology of various fish species
- Experience recording, summarizing, and analyzing scientific data
- Experience interacting with the public in a professional setting
- Experience operating ATVs, boats, snowmobiles, tractors, trailers
- Experience diagnosing and repairing minor mechanical problems
- The applicant MUST be able to legally enter Canada, meaning that the applicant must not possess felony convictions. Qualification to enter Canada can be found at the link below.
- Link for qualifications to enter Canada:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/entry-requirements-country.html>

To Apply:

Submit a cover letter, resume, completed Application for Temporary Employment form and three professional or academic references by e-mail (preferred) or mail to:

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Temporary Employment form:

<https://idfg.idaho.gov/sites/default/files/application-temporary.pdf>

Comments:

If a qualified applicant is found, this announcement may close before the listed closing date. EEO/Veterans Preference. **Phone inquiries regarding the position are encouraged.**