Fisheries Research Technician
Yellowstone Lake, Yellowstone National Park
Wyoming

Agency: Montana State University (Institute on Ecosystems)
Location: Yellowstone Lake, Yellowstone National Park
When: May–October 2018
Salary: Commensurate with experience starting at $12/hour

Description: The incumbent will assist with fishery research on Yellowstone Lake, Yellowstone National Park in collaboration with Montana State University graduate projects. Research objectives are to experimentally evaluate the efficacy of suppression methods to increase mortality of non-native Lake Trout embryos while monitoring the abiotic characteristics and biotic communities at multiple spatial and temporal scales throughout Yellowstone Lake. Primary duties include: SCUBA diving operations for the deployment and collection of monitoring devices (e.g., underwater cameras, water quality meters) and Lake Trout embryo incubators, and biofilm and macroinvertebrates sampling, as well as Lake Trout gamete collection, fertilization, and embryo incubation, data collection and entry, construction of field equipment (e.g., incubators, underwater camera stands), and operation/maintenance of vehicles and watercraft. Scuba diving will be a large portion of the fieldwork and applicants with previous scuba diving experience are preferred. Housing is provided at Lake Village, Yellowstone National Park. Dive gear will be provided. Applicants must be willing to work in inclement weather such as rain, snow, wind, and variable temperatures. This position will include long days and strenuous activities at times. The position will start approximately early to mid May 2018 and continue to approximately mid October 2018. Start and end dates may accommodate the incumbent’s schedule for reasonable conflicts (e.g., school). This is a full time 40 hour per week position.

Qualifications: Preferred – strong work ethic, positive attitude, scuba diving experience, experience operating motorboats (Department of the Interior, MOCC certification), strong desire to gain work experience in fisheries and aquatic sciences, ability to work well independently and with others, previous field work experience in biological sciences. Required – valid U.S. driver’s license.

Application process: Email a resume, cover letter describing your qualifications and interest in the position, and the contact information of three professional (academic or work) to Nathan Thomas at natethom14@gmail.com. Review of applications will begin immediately until position is filled. Last date to apply is 18 March 2018.

Contact person: Nathan Thomas
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Job announcement link on Texas A&M job board: https://wfscjobs.tamu.edu/jobs/fisheries-research-technician-yellowstone-lake-yellowstone-national-park/