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 2019
Salary: Commensurate with experience starting at $12/hour

Description: The incumbent will assist with aquatic ecology research on Yellowstone Lake, Yellowstone National Park in collaboration with Montana State University and University of Wyoming graduate research projects. Research objectives are to evaluate the effects of management actions to reduce non-native Lake Trout, focusing on nutrient cycling, plankton, and macroinvertebrates.

Primary duties include: SCUBA diving operations for the collection of macroinvertebrate and biofilm samples, data collection and entry, processing samples in the lab, construction of field equipment, 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 if necessary. 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 mid-May 2019 and continue to mid-October 2019. 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 (especially cold water 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 fisheries or aquatic ecology. 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) references to Michelle Briggs, Dominique Lujan, and Todd Koel. Review of applications will begin immediately until position is filled. Please contact Michelle Briggs or Dominique Lujan with questions.

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