

Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Invites applications for the position of
Post-Doctoral Research Fellow
to work on

Prioritization of Science Questions to Support the Fisheries Protection Program

This is a full-time (2 year) Post-Doctoral Fellowship based at the Great Lakes Laboratory for Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences in Burlington, ON.

Background:

The Fisheries Protection Program (FPP) of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is responsible for managing the human impacts to fish and fish habitat under the Fisheries Protection Provisions of the Fisheries Act. When making regulatory decisions, DFO aims to be informed by the best available science. Given the variety and scale of aquatic ecosystems in Canada, science questions are common, but the compilation and prioritization of outstanding science questions is needed to direct scientific research and the distribution of science funding. In support of these efforts DFO seeks to undertake a formal process that will review and rank fish and fish habitat research questions, with specific focus on questions relating to the management of freshwater habitat resources.

Key responsibilities:

- Coordinate steering committee overseeing prioritization exercise.
- Lead efforts to compile, review, and prioritize freshwater fish and fish habitat science questions.
- Preparation of peer-reviewed manuscript detailing the most pressing freshwater fish and fish habitat science needs.
- Preparation of two DFO technical reports: 1) detailing methods of the prioritization exercise, and 2) linking science questions to their contribution or resolution of a FPP science need.

Minimum criteria:

- PhD in the life sciences or other relevant field
- Evidence of writing proficiency and publication experience
- Experience undertaking surveys
- Screened into Postdoctoral Research Program pool (<https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/careers/17880>)

Applications and enquires:

To apply for this position, please send the following documentation to Dr. Marten Koops (marten.koops@dfo-mpo.gc.ca) and Dr. Jon Midwood (jon.midwood@dfo-mpo.gc.ca) by 01 March 2019:

- Brief (<500 words) letter of interest outlining applicants interest and suitability for the project.
- Curriculum Vitae
- Names and contact details of at least two referees who can comment on the applicant's relevant abilities. Applicants must apply to and be screened into the National Postdoctoral Research Program and identify Fisheries and Oceans Canada as a department of interest (<https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/careers/17880>).

Closing date: 01 March 2019

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted by 08 March 2019

Appointment date: April 2019

DFO reserves the right to not appoint any applicants to this position as advertised.

Correspondence will be conducted with short-listed candidates only.