

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
*Department of Game and Inland Fisheries*

**Notification of Vacancy**

This is an hourly position limited to 1,500 hours per year and not eligible for state benefits.

March 29, 2017

**Aquatics Biologist Assistant**  
**(Natural Resource Specialist II,)**

**Position No. W9110**

**Location:**

**Region II Office  
Forest, Virginia**

**Expected Hiring Range:**

**\$12.00 - \$15.00 per hour**

**Principal Duties and Responsibilities**

This position will assist DGIF's Aquatic Invertebrate Biologist with state-wide field work, which primarily involves freshwater mussel, snail and crayfish sampling, and also some terrestrial snail and nongame fish sampling. In addition, the position will assist with the freshwater mussel propagation facility at the Fish and Wildlife Service's Harrison Lake National Fish Hatchery in Charles City; assistance at DGIF's Aquatic Wildlife Conservation Center, in Marion, also may be required. The position also involves office related tasks such as data entry/management (MS Access), ArcGIS mapping, specimen ID and reference collection maintenance, and document filing. Interaction with the public while conducting species surveys and conducting outreach programs is likely. Work hours are not standard due to the nature of the projects and timing of work. Frequent overnight travel is expected during the field season and weekend work may be required.

**Qualification Guide**

Working knowledge of aquatic invertebrate and general aquatics sampling techniques and practices and principles. A demonstrated ability to work harmoniously with the public and DGIF staff, to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing... Ability to work independently, to adapt to changing/challenging situations and conditions, to work outdoors in various weather conditions, to lift moderate to heavy loads, to carry moderate loads over rough terrain, strong swimming ability, and to read detailed maps and other instructional information. Virginia boating safety certification or ability to obtain within 3 months required. Must possess (or be able to obtain) a valid Virginia driver's license within 3 months.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

A degree in Fisheries Science, Environmental Science, or closely related field or appropriate experience documenting attainment of required knowledge, skills and abilities.

SCUBA certification is preferred with ability to obtain certification thru DGIF required.

Working knowledge of the life history aspects and taxonomy of various aquatic invertebrate species. The ability to operate and maintain various equipment (e.g. small watercraft, kayak, canoes, outboard motors, boat trailers, and/or specialized equipment).

**Must apply online at <http://virginiajobs.peopleadmin.com> no later than 11:59 P.M., April 6, 2017**

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