Freshwater Conservation Field Technician Wanted

Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Conservation Section

Seeking a temporary, full-time (40 hrs./wk.) aquatic field technician for the Spring-Fall 2020 field season. Duties for this position will be primarily focused on collecting freshwater mussel data for funded projects in the Apalachicola/Chattahoochee/Flint River and Altamaha River basins in southwest and eastern Georgia but may also include some Robust Redhorse survey work in Altamaha River basin. Data collection will include visual and tactile searches for benthic invertebrates using snorkel, hookah, and SCUBA equipment as well as electrofishing, fyke nets, and other fish sampling methods. Additional duties will include field equipment maintenance and data entry.

Required skills:

- Two-year degree in biology, natural resources, or a related field -OR- two years experience in a technician role or similar employment
- Ability to work in inclement conditions including heat, cold, rain, and biting insects.
- Availability for multi-day overnight travel Monday-Friday.
- Ability to lift and carry 50 lbs. short distances
- Familiarity with Microsoft suite of products (Excel, Word)
- SCUBA certification and willingness to participate in low visibility diving operations strongly preferred.

*On-site shared housing provided if needed*

Term of employment is up to 6 months after expected start date in Mid-May 2020. Rate of pay is $13.10/hr.

To apply, send a letter of interest and a resume including two references to Matthew Rowe (matthew.rowe@dnr.ga.gov). Questions may be directed to Mr. Rowe via email or at (706) 557-3217.