

CLASS TITLE: DEPUTY CHIEF FOR MARINE FISHERIES

Class Code: 02747900
Pay Grade: 34A
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CLASS DEFINITION:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Within the Department of Environmental Management, to be responsible for the planning, administration and direction of statewide programs for shellfish and marine fisheries management and conservation; to plan, organize and supervise various programs, projects and research activities involving shellfish and the marine environment for the protection, development and effective utilization of these resources; and to do related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the administrative direction of a superior with wide latitude for the exercise of independent judgment and initiative; work is reviewed through conferences and reports for results obtained and for conformance with established policies and objectives.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: Plans, coordinates, supervises and reviews the work of technical, operational and clerical staff assigned to Marine Fisheries Programs.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

Within the Department of Environmental Management, to be responsible for the planning, administration and direction of a statewide program of shellfish and marine fisheries management and conservation.

To plan, organize and supervise various programs, projects and research activities involving shellfish and marine finfish within the marine's waters for the protection, development and effective utilization of these resources.

To plan and direct the work of assistants engaged in making survey and/or studies related to collection of data on marine sport and commercial fishery resources, population concentrations, mortalities, predators and other physical, chemical and biological factors affecting the management and utilization of these resources; to recommend management programs to stabilize and enhance natural populations of marine fish, shellfish and crustaceans to effect maximum sustainable yield.

To plan and supervise a shellfish management program through the establishment of shellfish management areas and transplanting of shellfish from polluted areas.

To be responsible for the collection, interpretation and evaluation of marine fisheries data and information obtained from surveys and studies, and to make recommendations to superiors.

To consult and advise various private, state and federal officials and organizations in the marine fishery conservation field.

To direct a public relations and educational program to promote a better understanding of the management initiatives and objectives of the division regarding a marine programs.

To prepare plans and implement programs for the development of marine fishing areas.

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To represent the state at local, regional and national meetings dealing with natural resource and marine fisheries conservation subjects.

To prepare regular and special reports and an annual budget as required for the operation of the marine section of the division.

To work closely with law enforcement personnel in the preparation of fishery regulations and in matters relating to the management and conservation of fishery resources.

To advise superiors and members of the General Assembly on matters concerning marine fisheries and environment, and assist in the preparation of legislation affecting marine fisheries management and resources.

To cooperate and consult with various state and federal officials, organizations, and agencies in the field of marine fisheries and conservation, and assist in the development of interstate plans for the general conservation and management of marine fisheries resources.

To recommend and draft various projects which may be eligible for federal grants from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and other appropriate federal agencies.

To provide guidance and direction to field supervisors involving the implementation and operation of such projects; and to make periodic field inspections and evaluations of the results and effectiveness of such grant-in-aid projects.

To oversee the collection of processing materials such as permit applications, licensing and vessel declaration programs, technical reports, and environmental impact statements for technical adequacy, subject matter coverage, and conformance to policies and recommendations, and to make final decisions on recommendations for acceptance, modification, or disapproval.

To do related work as required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:

KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES: A thorough knowledge of the principles, practices and techniques of marine fishery and shellfish management and the ability to apply such knowledge in planning, directing and administering a statewide marine fish and shellfish resource management program; a working knowledge marine fish and shellfish resource management program; a working knowledge of the life history, anatomy, classification, physiology and ecology of the marine fish, crustaceans, shellfish, and flora of the marine environment common to Rhode Island; a working knowledge of the state marine fishery laws and the ability to interpret and apply such laws; the ability to plan, coordinate, direct and evaluate the work of subordinates in the conduct of conservation resource programs and the ability to implement sound management programs for the effective utilization of the state's resources; the ability to recommend and draft projects which may be eligible for federal grants; the ability to supervise and train subordinate staff members for the marine fisheries program; the ability to handle fiscal matters, prepare annual marine fisheries programs; the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with federal and state agencies and officials and with the public; a demonstrated ability to effectively communicate division policies and practices regarding marine fisheries issues; and related capacities and abilities.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Education: Such as may have been gained through: graduation from a college of recognized standing with specialization in Fishery Biology, Marine Biology or any of the specialization Biological Natural Resource Programs; and

Experience: Such as may have been gained through: employment in a supervisory and/or administrative position involving the management and conservation of marine fishery programs.

Or, any combination of education and experience that shall be substantially equivalent to the above education and experience.