

CLASS TITLE:

FISH CULTURIST I

Class Code: 02225200

Pay Grade: 21A

EO Code: H

CLASS DEFINITION:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Within the Department of Environmental Management, to participate in the culture, maintenance and distribution of cool water, warm water and anadromous hatchery fish; to spawn and monitor development of eggs and fry, and to implement feeding schedules required for specified growth rates; and to do related duties as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the general supervision of a superior who makes general and specific assignments; work may be reviewed for conformance to federal and state laws, regulations and departmental policies.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: Usually none; as needed, may provide guidance to seasonal employees and interns.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

Within the Department of Environmental Management, to participate in the culture, maintenance and distribution of cool water, warm water and anadromous hatchery fish.

To spawn and monitor development of eggs and fry, and to implement feeding schedules required for specified growth rates.

To participate in netting, sorting, grading, weighing, feeding, egg handling, sampling, inspecting, extracting, fertilization, hatching, testing, incubating and rearing practices and procedures.

To participate in fish stocking and to track hatchery inventory of various species.

To help in maintaining records and contributing to reports, documenting hatchery activities such as fish diseases, treatments, and production studies.

To perform semi-skilled construction and maintenance work in the hatchery buildings and grounds.

To maintain all fish rearing structures and buildings as well as to perform landscaping tasks, road repairs, snow plowing, repair of hatchery equipment, and maintain safety equipment and facility structures.

To load and stock fish as instructed.

To participate in educational and/or outreach programs for the Division; to conduct tours and educate the public as necessary.

To provide guidance to seasonal employees and interns as required.

To do related work as required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND CAPACITIES: A working knowledge of aquaculture and the growing and maintaining of fish; a working knowledge of hatchery operations, policies and regulations dealing with the maintenance and distribution of fish in State waters; a working knowledge of fish culture operations and techniques; a working knowledge of maintaining and documenting hatchery activities; a working knowledge of various species of cold water, warm water and anadromous species including trout and Atlantic salmon; a working knowledge of the state laws pertaining to the operation of motor vehicles; the ability to follow directions, procedures, and schedules as assigned; the ability to operate heavy motorized equipment the ability to make ordinary emergency repairs to the motorized equipment; the ability to make ordinary emergency repairs to the motorized equipment; and related capacities and abilities.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Education: Such as may have been gained through: an Associate's Degree in fish culture, fisheries and/or a related discipline; and

Experience: Such as may have been gained through: at least one (1) year of employment in fish production and/or a related discipline.

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

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: At the time of appointment (or as specified) and continually thereafter:

1. Must be physically qualified to perform assigned duties as evidence by a physician's certificate. Must be capable of lifting heavy loads of 50+ lbs.
2. Within six (6) months of appointment, must possess and maintain a Hoisting License issued by the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training.

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