

Immediate Opening - Coastal Fisheries Biologist

Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation (LPBF)—New Orleans, LA

Foundation Overview

The LPBF is a non-profit organization whose mission is *“the restoration and preservation of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin for the benefit of this and future generations”*. Since its inception in 1989, the LPBF has been driven by community action to create programs that build community while preserving and restoring the Basin for public access and enjoyment. The LPBF was established in response to environmental concerns voiced throughout the basin. As the public’s independent voice, LPBF is dedicated to restoring and preserving the water quality, coast, and habitats of the entire basin—a 10,000 square mile watershed encompassing 16 Louisiana parishes. For more information regarding the LPBF and its scope of Coastal Sustainability work, visit saveourlake.org.

About the position

LPBF is seeking a coastal fisheries biologist to assist in the execution and advancement of the LPBF’s Coastal Sustainability Program. The typical daily work routines for this Coastal Scientist position are (i) biological fish monitoring, (ii) fisheries analysis, (iii) estuarine cruise management, (iv) support of hydrocoast mapping, (v) technical report writing, (vi) coastal data analysis, (vii) participation in coastal planning meetings; and, (viii) management of new and ongoing projects.

This is a full-time 40 hours per work week (hours & days can vary depending on the projects) staff position which includes some local and statewide travel that reports to the Director, LPBF Coastal Sustainability Program.

Skills and Qualifications

- Ph.D. in biology/marine sciences (ichthyology, biologic estuarine processes, fisheries science, etc.
- Professional experience in coastal science is preferred.
- Self-starter with strong initiative, drive, sense of urgency & ability to work with a high degree of autonomy.
- Excellent relationship management & networking skills.
- Proven & effective team and project management kills.
- Ability to handle diverse situations and field work in a professional and effective manner.
- Basic GIS skills are desirable.
- Boating skills are desirable.
- A deep commitment to the LPBF mission.
- Knowledge of the LPBF scope of coverage preferred.
- Attentive to details & results.
- Excellent oral & written communication skills.
- Ability to effectively work with people of diverse backgrounds & experiences.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite.
- Experience with Water Quality instrumentation

Qualified applicants seeking consideration should forward a cover letter expressing their interest, qualifications and experience, a resume and an example of past technical writings to jlopez@saveourlake.org with subject line Coastal Application. Applications accepted through June 30, 2017. No inquiries please—candidates will be notified of follow-up interviews. EOE.