Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Seasonal Fisheries Position

**Position**: State Worker position located at the Michigan DNR’s Lake St. Clair Fisheries Research Station, 333135 S River Rd, Harrison Township, MI 48045. This is a temporary, non-career position.

**Wage**: State worker hourly pay rates are $10.39 for first-time workers or those with less than 400 hours of previous MDNR experience; $11.14 with 400+ hours of MDNR experience in 2019, and $11.87 with 400+ hours of MDNR experience in each of 2018 and 2019.

**Duration**: Maximum of 1,040 hours. The preferred start date to work the entire duration of funding is April 1, 2020. Applicants who are available to start between April 1 and early May will be considered for a shorter duration that will not extend past September 30, 2020.

**Duties**: Principal duties are to assist station personnel with field sampling for vessel-based fisheries assessment surveys using gillnets, trap nets, trawls, hydroacoustics, setlines, and underwater video. The successful candidate will also assist with general laboratory work, net mending and construction, computer data entry, and some facility maintenance. The candidate will learn field skills related to fish collections and use organizational, data management, and interpersonal skills. Other duties may be assigned. The position will be stationed at the Lake St. Clair Fisheries Research Station. Some traveling to field sites will be required, and transportation will be provided for such travel. Additional information about the Lake St. Clair Fisheries Research Station is available at: <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-350-79136_79236_80537_80704---,00.html> .

**Qualifications**: ***Required knowledge, skills, and abilities:*** Applicants should be self-starting, highly-motivated individuals interested in performing entry level maritime and fisheries-related field and lab work that sometimes involves strenuous physical labor. The candidate must be able to lift moderately heavy objects (up to 50lbs), work outdoors, and work on various vessels in all types of weather and sea conditions. Small boat handling and trailering skills are desired. The candidate will typically be working as part of a team but may work independently. Preference will be given to applicants with prior maritime and fisheries field and lab experience, who have knowledge of Microsoft Office 365, and are able to identify common Great Lakes fish species. Any degrees, academic coursework, work experience, and other skills are also preferred. The work schedule will include various shifts and rarely weekends. Reimbursement for travel expenses will be provided for any out-of-area travel. Civil Service rules require all State Workers to submit to and pass a pre-employment drug test and background check.

**Closing date**: February 1, 2020.

**Application**: Send a cover letter, resume, DNR employment application (available at <https://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/dnr_employment_application_pr7123_443361_7.pdf>) and contact information for three references to Todd Wills at [willst@michigan.gov](mailto:willst@michigan.gov)