



Aquatic Invasive Species Job: Boater Education and Outreach

Dates: Late May through mid-August, 2020. Full-time (potential for part-time, if preferred).

Location: Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Michigan State University, East Lansing.

Aquatic invasive species primarily spread from one water body to another by “hitchhiking” on boats, trailers, and other equipment. You can help protect Michigan waters from invasive species by helping teach boaters about invasive species, and how to keep their boats and gear clean. Through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Forest Service and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), ***Michigan State University leads a multi-year program to teach boaters how to reduce this risk by properly inspecting and cleaning their equipment.***

Position Description: Crew member positions are available to work alongside program partners from MSU, the Huron-Manistee National Forest, and EGLE. You will have significant responsibility for the implementation of this outreach and education program. Activities will include:

1. Towing, operating, and maintaining a trailer-mounted power-washing unit at boat landings and events around Michigan, demonstrating boat inspection and washing techniques to recreational boaters;
2. Planning these educational events by working with partner organizations around the state to identify suitable locations and dates;
3. Preparing for and providing educational opportunities for people interested in learning about aquatic invasive species, best boating practices to reduce their spread, and how to most effectively work with the boating public to provide education on aquatic invasive species and boat cleaning;
4. Maintaining records of events, including costs, locations, numbers of volunteers and boaters trained, invasive species encountered, and public feedback; and
5. Working with program partners to promote the Mobile Boat Wash program through social media and local media outlets statewide, including newspapers, radio, and television.

Qualifications required: Availability to travel around the state to boater outreach events, which will regularly occur on weekends, holidays, and occasionally overnight. The typical workweek is Wednesday through Sunday, with some variability. Valid drivers' license and eligibility to drive University-owned vehicles (see <http://www.rmi.msu.edu/form/employeedrivercertification.html>). Coursework in aquatic ecology or related field. Interest in public outreach and freshwater management. Boating experience, experience hauling and maneuvering trailers, and experience planning and carrying out educational programming or other events are desirable qualifications, but not required.

Position Dates: 30-40 hours per week from late May through mid-August 2020; specific start and end dates negotiable. Would consider a qualified candidate with part-time availability to work Friday-Sunday only.

Pay: \$13.50/hour. Housing not provided.

To Apply: Send your current resume and a 1 to 2-page cover letter explaining your interest in and qualifications for the position, as well as contact information for 3 references, to the contact below. Include **CREW MEMBER** in the subject line.

Application Deadline: February 29, 2020.

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