



Summer Field Assistants Needed

VIMS Juvenile Striped Bass Seine Survey

Position Description

Two field assistants are needed for summer work with the VIMS Juvenile Striped Bass Seine Survey based in Gloucester Point, Virginia. The successful applicants will assist in field operations from mid-June through September (or through late-August if an undergraduate student). Conducted in the James, York and Rappahannock river estuaries of southeastern Virginia, the successful applicant will help deploy a 100-ft seine, which involves pulling the net in waist- or chest-deep water. Applicants must be able to swim. Following seine retrieval, the assistant will help identify, measure and count fishes, and record data. Field work is performed rain or shine; and, field days can run 8-12 hours involving extensive time outdoors onboard small vessels and numerous hours in transit to and from launching sites via truck.

Field assistants, hired as temporary employees, will earn an hourly wage of up to \$13.30/hour, commensurate with experience. Interested individuals can apply at:

<https://jobs.wm.edu/postings/41066>

Applications will require a cover letter, resume, and three references from previous employment. If you have any questions, please contact Jack Buchanan (jrbuchanan@vims.edu).

Desired Qualifications

1. Must be physically able to pull seine net and help move equipment (~50 lbs.)
2. Experience boating and trailering; ability to be comfortable in the field and on the water
3. Ability to resist motion sickness during extensive hours in a truck/boat
4. Biological sciences background with bachelor's degree in progress or completed; fisheries interest preferred
5. Experience identifying fishes or other general taxonomic experience

For survey information, visit:

http://www.vims.edu/research/departments/fisheries/programs/juvenile_striped_bass/index.php

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