

USDA APHIS Wildlife Services Alaska Seasonal Opportunities

OPEN DATE: March 7, 2022

CLOSING DATE: March 15, 2022

POSITION TITLE: Biological Science Technician (Wildlife)

TYPE OF POSITION: Full Time Temporary with possibility for Federal Employee Health Benefit, Sick and Annual Leave Benefits, Excepted Service

WORK SCHEDULE: Full-Time, Maxiflex work schedule to be tailored to seasonal wildlife activity.

SERIES/GRADE: AD-0404-3/4

FULL PERFORMANCE LEVEL: AD-0404-4

NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 2

LOCATIONS: 1– Fairbanks, Alaska
1– Anchorage, Alaska
(Relocation expenses will not be paid)

SALARY: AD-0404-3 \$32,278 – \$41,961 per year Plus 2.86% COLA
GS-0404-4 \$36,233 – \$47,102 per year Plus 2.86% COLA

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO APPLY, PLEASE CONTACT:

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GENERAL DUTIES FOR ALL SPECIALISTS/TECHNICIANS:

These positions are located in the Wildlife Services (WS) Program, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The WS Program provides federal leadership in addressing wildlife damage problems to protect agriculture, property, natural resources and human health and safety. Both operational management and information sharing activities are conducted. The incumbent performs a wide range of assignments related to wildlife damage management with special emphasis on

activities to assess, reduce or prevent wildlife damage in highly urbanized areas. The incumbent also assists with other wildlife management projects as required within the District or State program.

Eielson Air Force Base (Fairbanks)

Timeframe: Late-March through September (flexible start date)

Positions: **1**

Eielson Air Force Base, located approximately 20 miles southeast of Fairbanks, is the main base supporting the military's Red Flag operations. Red Flag is a series of training exercises conducted at Eielson AFB for a variety of military aircraft from various states and countries. Wildlife Services provides a Wildlife Hazard Management Program designed reduce wildlife hazards to aircraft. Eielson AFB offers a unique experience in managing a variety of wildlife species hazardous to aircraft. Wildlife species may consist of moose, lynx, fox, woodchucks, ravens, waterfowl, gulls, and raptors. A team of 5 Specialists and 1 Biologist operate independently on twelve and eight hour shifts. Specialists are required to patrol the property, operate around aircraft, and communicate with the Control Tower via radio. Specialists are responsible for securing their own housing and transportation to and from the project.

Anchorage International Airport (Anchorage)

Timeframe: Late-March through October (flexible start date)

Positions: **1**

Anchorage International Airport (ANC) is Alaska's largest and busiest airport. Wildlife Services provides ANC and neighboring Lake Hood Seaplane Base with a 24/7 wildlife hazard management program designed to reduce wildlife hazards to aircraft. ANC offers a unique aspect to airport wildlife damage, where Specialists deal with a diverse population of wildlife from moose and bears to gulls and waterfowl. A team of four Specialists operate independently on twelve hour shifts, typically working three days one week and four the next. Specialists are required to patrol the airport grounds, operate around aircraft, and communicate with the Air Traffic Control Tower via radio. Specialists are responsible for housing and transportation to and from the project.

General Duties include:

- Use techniques aimed at controlling native and invasive wildlife damage to property, human safety, natural resources and agriculture.
- Be required to be familiar with and know how to use various devices, chemicals, tools, and related equipment utilized in mammal and bird damage control operations, including the use of snares, traps, or specialized firearms.
- Responsible for organizing, conducting, and implementing direct control operations within a small geographical area as assigned by supervisor to control damage caused by avian or mammalian species.
- Prepare and assists others in preparing and submitting routine and special reports regarding daily, weekly or monthly activities, observations, events and other relevant data.
- The incumbent must demonstrate a respect for safety in all operations, including the operation of motor vehicles, firearms, control devices, and equipment.
- Assist with outreach and educational opportunities through workshops and training sessions.
- Conduct much of his/her time working independently and/or cooperatively with fellow WS personnel when necessary.