

American Lobster Monitoring Seasonal Job Opportunities

Description: The American Lobster Monitoring Project of the Marine Fisheries Division has 2 Seasonal Resource Assistant (SRA) positions available. The job duties will be field oriented, but the duty station will be the DEP Marine Headquarters located at 333 Ferry Road, Old Lyme, CT.

Duties: SRAs are responsible for joining CT commercial lobstermen (from Greenwich to Stonington) during their harvest trips in Long Island Sound. This involves contacting and scheduling trips with the captains, meeting them at the dock and measuring and making biological observations for all lobsters that come up in their trap trawls. These field days typically begin very early and vary in length, lasting anywhere from 5 to 11 hours.

SRAs also perform weekly plankton tows in western Long Island Sound aboard a 27' research vessel to collect larval lobsters. The vessel is docked in Fairfield and these collection days typically last 10 hours. Samples are processed in the lab and larvae are staged for development and enumerated. There is also a variety of office related duties, including data entry and QA/QC.

Qualification: Must be able to work outside during the summer months on the water and have a valid driver's license.

Pay rate: Pay rate varies from \$9 to \$12 per hour depending on education and experience.

Hours per week: Thirty-five hours (35) per week. Work hours vary with field sampling location and activity, Monday through Friday. Some weekend days may be required.

Anticipated Length of Position: May 15 – November 15. Position is 6 months in duration.

To Apply: Submit a Seasonal Employment Application to:

Colleen Giannini, Fisheries Biologist
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Application Deadline: position begins May 15.

For further information, contact Colleen Giannini at 860-434-6043 or colleen.giannini@po.state.ct.us