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FHS NEWS

NATIONAL AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH PLAN - see [naahpFINAL.pdf](#)

Attached is the notice of availability published in the Federal Register today. For your convenience, I've also attached the National Aquatic Animal Health Plan. The National Aquatic Animal Health Task Force (NAAHTF) is hoping to get this distributed to all stakeholders as quickly as possible.

You can access the announcement at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-19702.htm>

And the plan at:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_dis_spec/aquaculture/downloads/naahp.pdf

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JOBS

FISH BIOLOGIST – see attached [09-273664 Fish Biologist GS-09.doc](#)

About the position: As a Fishery Biologist at the Northeast Fishery Center, Fish Health Center, Lamar, PA, you will assist in implementing a Regional fish health control program. Duties include:

- Assisting in the training of lower graded employees;
- Making recommendations to the Fish Health Center Director regarding staffing, funding, and improvement of fishery operations;
- Collecting samples from fish culture facilities (hatcheries) as well as field work collecting samples from wild fish. This sampling will consist of fish collection as well as taking tissue and/or blood samples from animals as necessary for disease diagnostic tests;
- Coordinating with other federal and state agencies in order to conduct fish health quality assessments and performs fish disease sampling on wild stocks and hatchery lots;

- Performing and evaluating clinical laboratory methods used to investigate fish health problems;
- Operating various laboratory equipment such as autoclaves, laminar flow hoods, centrifuges, microscopes and other similar equipment involving analysis for disease agents; and
- Record keeping

About the location: The Lamar Fish Health Center is one of nine Fish Health Centers operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service nationally. It is located in central Pennsylvania, part of the Northeast Fishery Center complex. The scope of the work of the Fish Health Center covers the thirteen state Northeast Region (West Virginia to Maine) and involves fish disease/pathogen surveillance on both hatchery and wild fish stocks. Major fish disease issues include ISA virus in Atlantic salmon in Maine, VHS virus in the Great Lakes, along with investigations into fish kills in the southern part of the Region. A new emphasis will be with the Inland Fisheries Department of Maryland DNR in order to assist them in dealing with salmonid whirling disease in their hatchery program as well as investigating general fish population health. Lamar is a small community (pop approx 430) located 30 miles east of State College and 15 miles west of Lock Haven. Along with excellent hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreational opportunities, both neighboring towns host universities offering diverse cultural activities.

Microbiologist -

http://wisc.jobs/public/job_view.asp?annoid=38608&jobid=38123&index=true

UW Stevens Point

Job Announcement Code(s): 09-02272

Job Duties: This position coordinates fish health support services for University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Aquaculture Program and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Bureau of Fisheries Management. The primary duty is to implement a Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) monitoring program from wild fish and baitfish harvest in Wisconsin waters, but duties also include managing laboratory, limited term employee, and database services for WDNR and UWSP Aquaculture Program fish health programs. The incumbent will work independently under the supervision of the WDNR Fisheries Operations Section Chief, but will need to coordinate activities with the WDNR fish health and database staff, WDNR field biologists, and fish health staff at cooperating agencies and laboratories. The position will be stationed in Madison, Wisconsin, but frequent travel is required.

Special Notes: This is a project appointment with the project scheduled to end on September 30, 2010. For UWSP Campus safety information and crime statistics/activity report, see www.uwsp.edu/protect/index.shtml and for alcohol information, see <http://www.uwsp.edu/centers/aboutus/policies.asp>.

Job Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: A successful candidate will have strong inter-personal, organizational and written communication skills, and basic knowledge of fish biology, fish health, databases, and sampling design.

How To Apply: Call or email Cindy Balz at (715) 346-3933 or cbalz@uwsp.edu for a UWSP application. Deadline to apply is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 4, 2009.