

FISHERIES WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST II - POSITION# K0233948

This permanent, full-time unclassified position is located in the Fisheries Division, Farlington Fish Hatchery and Kansas Aquatic Biodiversity Center and is directly supervised by Joshua Jagels, Fish Hatchery Manager.

The incumbent is responsible for all propagation phases of freshwater mussels and fish culture phases required for the production of assigned mussel and fish species; assimilates, interprets and reports operational data, to include glochidia production, attachment and drop-off, fish egg production and viability, egg hatch rates, fish and mussel growth, feed consumption/conversion, pond/raceway fertilization rates, plankton production, species composition, water use, water quality parameters, pesticide use and fish disease treatment; participates in the development of comprehensive plans; serves as lead worker, directing and training temporary employees and co-workers assisting with the culture of assigned fish and mussel species production; designs and modifies mussel and fish culture equipment; remains current on modern fish culture and mussel propagation techniques; provides information and/or conducts facility tours, fish deliveries, freshwater mussel stockings, presentations and media contacts; and special projects, as assigned.

As a condition of employment, the employee will be required to live within a 15-minute drive to the Farlington Fish Hatchery. It is understood that the employee will be on "Stand By" when necessary, on a rotating basis.

Upon employment, the following licenses will be required:

- a Class B Kansas Commercial Driver's License with no air brake restrictions
- Kansas Commercial Pesticide Applicator Certification, Category 5- Aquatic Pesticides

BENEFITS: Beginning hourly wage, \$27.61/hour; immediate group health and life insurance coverage; retirement; optional deferred compensation, dental and vision options; holidays; and sick, vacation, and parental leave.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor's degree in fisheries science/management or wildlife science/management. Two years of relevant technical experience in fisheries science, environmental field and/or program preferred. Education may be substituted for experience by the agency as necessary. Must possess the ability to work well with and train others. The successful candidate must pass a background check AND must possess and maintain a valid driver's license.

HOW TO APPLY: Go to the State Employment Center at <https://admin.ks.gov/services/state-employment-center> and follow the directions below:

- Click in the middle under the Sunflower. From there either **Sign into** your existing account or **Register** for a new account.
- **Review and complete** your contact information on the **My Contact Information** page. Please make sure to include your **email address**.
- **Upload documents** listed in the **Required Documents** section of this job posting to the appropriate location.

- **Complete and Submit** your application.
- **Check your email and My Job Notifications** for written communications from the Recruiter.
 - **Email** - the **email** listed on the **Careers>My Contact Information** page.
 - **Notifications** - view the **Careers>My Job Notifications** page

The following are the required items to apply:

- 1) a letter of interest
- 2) a detailed resume; **including a valid e-mail address**
- 3) transcript material, **if applicable**, (copies of official transcripts or unofficial student copies are acceptable as long as degree is conferred)
- 4) employment application – this is generated from the information which is input into the system
- 5) an Authorization to Release Information form** (this can be found at the following website):
<https://www.ksoutdoors.com/news/KDWP-Info/Jobs/Employment-Application-Additional-Info>

****Please note, this form must either be witnessed and signed by a Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks employee or signed in front of and notarized by a notary public. We reserve the right to conduct a background check on all qualified applicants.**

Incomplete applications will not be considered. A complete application packet must be submitted for each position. We no longer make copies of previous applications. Submitted application materials will be reviewed in Pratt to assure that the position minimum requirements are met, and those meeting the minimum requirements will be forwarded to the respective division for interview selection.

Applicants are notified whether or not they are selected to interview. The interview is generally a one-time, panel interview consisting of position-specific questions for all applicants (same questions for each applicant), with the selection being made after all candidate interviews are completed.

Veterans' Preference Eligible (VPE): Former military personnel or their spouse that have been verified as a "veteran" under K.S.A. 73-201 will receive an interview if they meet the minimum requirements of the position. The veterans' preference laws do not guarantee the veteran a job. Positions are filled with the best qualified candidate as determined by the appointing authority. Additional VPE information can be found at <https://admin.ks.gov/services/state-employment-center/veterans>. Applicants claiming veterans' preference for the first time must mail a copy of your DD-214 to the Office of Personnel Services, 900 SW Jackson, Room 401-N, Topeka KS 66612, or FAX to 785/291-3715.

Disability Hiring Preference: If you are claiming Disability Hiring Preference for the first time please mail a copy of your supplemental security income or social security disability insurance determination letter, letter from a managed care organization or qualified medical professional attesting to the disability, home and community-based services waiver approval letter, or vocational rehabilitation letter from a vocational rehabilitation counselor. These documents can be sent by fax to (785) 296-7712, scanned and emailed to Gustavo.Victoriano@ks.gov, or can be mailed or delivered in-person to ATTN: Disability Hiring Preference Coordinator, Office of Personnel Services, 900 SW Jackson Rm 401-N, Topeka, KS 66612. Visit <https://admin.ks.gov/offices/personnel-services/jobs/disabilityhiring-preference> for more information.

DEADLINE TO APPLY – March 14, 2025

The State of Kansas is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We value diversity, equity, and inclusion as essential elements that create and foster a welcoming workplace. All qualified persons will be considered for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, political affiliation, disability or any other factor unrelated to the essential functions of the job.

If you wish to identify yourself as a qualified person with a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act and would like to request an accommodation, please address the request to the recruiter.