

FISHERIES/WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST III (Regional Sportfish Education Coordinator) - Position #K0239185

This **unclassified**, full-time position is located in the Fisheries Division at the Dodge City Regional Office, and is directly supervised by Scott Waters, Fisheries Regional Supervisor. Alternative regional or area offices in Region 1 or Region 4 may be considered, dependent on office and management district availability.

This position has multi-county fisheries management duties at public water bodies, coordinates Region 1 and Region 4 sportfish education efforts, and has exciting potential to integrate research, conservation biology, and human dimensions into fisheries management. The sportfish education coordination includes being a member of the Aquatic Education Committee helping to promote and provide various sportfish education projects and events that align with the Aquatic Education Strategic Action Plan, engaging with citizens regarding fishing and fishing opportunities in western Kansas, coordinating aquatic education supply purchases, and assisting the Fisheries Regional Supervisor with management of the regional aquatic education budget.

The incumbent has district fisheries management and conservation responsibilities for the assigned district which will include a variety of reservoirs, state fishing lakes, community lakes, and numerous publicly accessible impoundments. These areas all offer a diverse mix of large and medium-size impoundments with some of the state's most scenic reservoirs and state fishing lakes containing largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, saugeye, stiped bass, white bass, wipers, channel catfish, trout, and panfish fisheries.

Work involves organizing, coordinating, and directing fisheries programs and projects; conducting fish population surveys, supervision of seasonal employees, and providing technical services to private landowners and local governing units. Other duties: analysis, fisheries research, fish culture, native species conservation, aquatic education, improving fishing access, invasive species programs, and aquatic habitat improvement. The position is expected to use and disseminate scientific information for projects in the region and is encouraged to present at natural resource and scientific meetings. There is excellent potential for cooperation with other agency divisions in the region including education, law enforcement, parks, public lands, and wildlife, among others. The position can expect a healthy mix of field work, office duties, and travel to accomplish duties.

BENEFITS: Beginning hourly wage, \$30.44/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 environmental, agricultural or natural sciences/resources and two years full-time employment as a Fisheries Biologist, or equivalent. Additional experience in the biological sciences, agricultural sciences, physical sciences, natural sciences/resources, mathematics or engineering may be substituted for the required education as determined relevant by the agency. Prefer candidates possessing a bachelor's degree in fisheries biology or fisheries management and related experience. Must possess and maintain a valid driver's license and pass a background check.

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 – April 4, 2025

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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.