

Position ID

E17-38

Position Title

Natural Resource Policy Fellow

Office Name

Fish and Aquatic Conservation, US Fish and Wildlife Service

Portfolio Summary

The Fish and Aquatic Conservation (FAC) Program within the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) works with partners and engages the public, using a science - based approach, to conserve and restore fish and other aquatic resources for the benefit of the American people. This position offers an excellent opportunity for a Fellow to work with Program staff on matters related to national fisheries policy and aquatic habitat programs. In addition, there could be opportunities to work with staff in eight USFWS regions on issues of national importance. This position is located in the Branch of Aquatic Species and Habitat Conservation, within the Fish and Aquatic Conservation (FAC) at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, Washington DC.

The opportunity will be tailored toward landscape aquatic conservation with a focus on fisheries. Specific duties for the fellow would include an independent project related to advancement of the National Fish Passage Program, as well as participation on a larger team working on aquatic habitat programs. Specifically, the individual will focus on leading a prevention project to address unintentional fish passage barriers. The position will focus on aquatic connectivity by obtaining an understanding of the institutional, policy, technical and other root causes for construction of unintentional fish passage barriers. This work will document why unintentional barriers (i.e. culverts and dams) are being created, and the challenges, opportunities, and current actions to prevent them. This policy assignment will work with partners to identify tools and information needs and include recommendations for national policy changes and develop or update existing national standards to enhance aquatic connectivity to accommodate flooding, climate change, and variety of other factors.

Expertise Desired

The Fellow should have strong analytic and communication skills, be able to work as a team member, and the ability/desire to understand how laws may impact aquatic species and their habitats.

Travel within DC (days per month)

1-3

Travel outside DC (days per month)

2-5

Accepts Foreign Nationals

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