

Position ID

E17-44

Position Title

Special Assistant to Deputy Assistant Director for Ecological Services

Office Name

Ecological Services Headquarters, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Portfolio Summary

We are excited to host a Sea Grant Fellow in the fast-paced world of Ecological Services (ES) within the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. As a Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Director, the Fellow will support critical issues on behalf of the Deputy Assistant Director and her leadership team. Under the leadership of the Deputy Assistant Director, the Fellow will work on policies, regulations, and new initiatives for the ES Program. It is an excellent opportunity to join a great team, work on complex issues, and influence conservation in our country. The position is a great opportunity for career advancement, learning about the FWS at a national level, and work on issues that have application across a broad scale.

The Ecological Services Program provides national leadership for the conservation of species and the habitats on which they depend, including species protected by the Endangered Species Act (ESA), the Emergency Wetlands Resources Act, the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, the Coastal Barrier Resources Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, and the Clean Water Act. Through leadership in environmental restoration and response, environmental reviews of Federal projects, listing and recovery of candidate, threatened, and endangered species, and management of decision support and mapping tools, the Program works closely with our partners to meet the conservation challenges of today and tomorrow.

Staff within the Ecological Services Program at Headquarters are responsible for developing national policies and guidance to facilitate implementation of the ESA and other laws; preparing and reviewing rulemakings; coordinating litigation related to the program; conducting and reviewing environmental reviews with other Federal agencies; providing outreach and building partnerships to advance the Program's goals; coordination of the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund and its expenditures; preparing justifications for the budget; and allocation of the budget once it is received from Congress.

Expertise Desired

Excellent collaboration and project management skills; strong written and oral communications skills; strong people skills; ability to manage multiple projects/tasks under deadline and to work independently if needed; interested in aquatic and non-aquatic species conservation; knowledge of the ESA is not required.

Travel within DC (days per month)

1-5

Travel outside DC (days per month)

2-3

Accepts Foreign Nationals

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