

**Position ID**

E17-45

**Position Title**

ESA Biologist

**Office Name**

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

**Portfolio Summary**

We are excited to host a Sea Grant Fellow to support the implementation of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), a complex law that provides immeasurable benefits for our Nation's highly imperiled species. As an ESA Biologist within the Ecological Services of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Fellow will support critical issues related to interpretation, policy, regulations, and guidance for implementation of the ESA. Under the leadership of a Division Chief, 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.

Ecological Services Headquarters staff provide 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 the listing and recovery of candidate, threatened, and endangered species, and the environmental reviews of projects that may affect these species, 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 preparing justifications for the budget; allocation of the budget once it is received from Congress; 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; and coordination of the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund and its expenditures.

**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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