

Position ID

E17-52

Position Title

Policy / Program Analyst

Office Name

Office of Habitat Conservation, NOAA

Portfolio Summary

This position is based in NOAA within the National Marine Fisheries Service's Office of Habitat Conservation (OHC). The Fellow will assist OHC and Restoration Center (RC) Leadership and staff with evaluating proposed legislation, executive directives, and Agency policy potentially affecting NOAA habitat restoration authorities and activities. Additionally, the Fellow will assist in developing implementing Restoration Center policy and guidance across a wide-variety of programs including the Damage Assessment, Remediation, and Restoration Program (DARRP), and Fisheries Restoration Programs including the Community-based Restoration Program, and Ecosystem Resiliency initiatives.

Through this opportunity, the Fellow will establish nationwide contacts, pursue program related interests, develop new skills, and become familiar with coastal habitat restoration planning, management, and implementation processes. The incumbent will work with approximately 100 staff across the Headquarters in Silver Spring, MD, Northeast/Great Lakes, Southeast/Caribbean, Southwest/Pacific Islands, and Northwest/Alaska regional offices and will gain insight to habitat restoration programs and relevant policy issues.

One of the key mandates of the RC is to implement habitat restoration projects that benefit the recovery of listed species and contribute to building sustainable fisheries. Since 1992, the RC has carried out more than 3,300 habitat restoration projects within coastal watersheds throughout the country and has restored almost 130,000 acres of habitat. These projects have opened 6,000 miles of rivers and streams so that fish can reach their habitat. Through the Natural Resources Damage Assessment process, NOAA's DARRP has recovered more than \$10.3 billion from the parties responsible for ecological disasters including Deepwater Horizon, to protect and restore migratory fish, marine mammals, and coastal habitats.

Expertise Desired

1. Strong interpersonal, communication, and coordination skills. 2. Strong organizational and creative problem solving skills. 3. Strong initiative, independence, and task management skills. 4. Understanding of coastal ecology, fisheries management and science, or habitat restoration and science. 5. Interest in program management and partnerships.

An ideal candidate will be an individual with an environmental policy and science background interested in applying those skills to advancing coastal and marine habitat conservation. Knowledge of, or experience in, partnership building, on the ground conservation, or program management is highly desired. Ability to communicate both verbally and in writing is also a plus.

Travel within DC (days per month)

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Travel outside DC (days per month)

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Accepts Foreign Nationals
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