

Position ID

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Position Title

Recreational Fisheries Specialist

Office Name

Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NOAA

Portfolio Summary

Saltwater recreational anglers are NOAA Fisheries' largest single constituency. In 2014 anglers took 68 million fishing trips, generated \$61 billion in sales impacts, and supported 439,000 jobs - that's more jobs than Starbucks, Apple, and Google combined. This is your chance to help shape the future of this American pastime and industry. The Domestic Fisheries Division within the Office of Sustainable Fisheries works on national policy issues in U.S. fisheries in federal waters and on coordination of management with State partners. Within the Division, you will be a part of a dynamic small team charged with improving NOAA Fisheries' relationship with recreational anglers and addressing recreational-related policy issues. In 2015, the agency published the National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy and National Implementation Plan. As a part of the RecFish team you will assist NOAA Fisheries in delivering on its commitments to recreational anglers. You may also have the opportunity to pursue additional domestic fisheries projects depending on availability.

Potential projects include:

- Play a primary role in planning and executing multiple regional recreational roundtable discussions.
- Organize and produce regional recreational update documents that highlight the importance of recreational fishing in the Council regions.
- Lead development and execution of a two-day meeting for the regional recreational coordinators across the nation.
- Assist with strategic planning and budgeting for the Recreational Fisheries Initiative.
- Participate in recreational fisheries constituent meetings and tradeshows.
- Monitor Agency progress in fulfilling the National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Implementation Plan and produce update documents for distribution.
- Track legislation related to recreational fisheries and/or Magnuson Stevens Act re-authorization.
- Expand communication with anglers, including print materials, webinars and/or podcasts.
- Develop talking points for NOAA Fisheries leadership.

You will work on projects with staff from across NOAA Fisheries, our partners, and anglers from across the country. This position will provide opportunities to expand your understanding of fisheries management. We will work with you to find projects that hone your skill sets, while helping us address priority needs. Some domestic travel is possible, we try to get out of the office and talk to folks who spend their days on the water. We find that it is always a learning experience, and the more we know, the better fisheries managers we can be.

Expertise Desired

A team player with excellent oral and written communications skills. You should also be adaptable and have a good sense of humor. We are looking for someone who is comfortable with quick project deadlines, as well as strategic planning ability and long-term vision.

Travel within DC (days per month)

Minimal

Travel outside DC (days per month)

Possible

Accepts Foreign Nationals

Yes