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## **MA Recreational Fisheries Survey Technician**

Title: Seasonal Fisheries Technician

Full-time - Part-time: Part-time (20-40 hrs. week). No benefits

Shift: Variable Day and Night

City - Town Location: Various coastal ports throughout Massachusetts. From the North shore, south to Plymouth and Bristol counties, all of Cape Cod and the Islands.

Facility Location: MA Division of Marine Fisheries – Work is field based

Region: Coastal ports in MA

Pay: \$12.00 – \$14.00 per hour, commensurate with experience

Application Deadline: March 31<sup>st</sup> or until filled.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

A.I.S. Inc. is contracted by the State of Massachusetts, Division of Marine Fisheries (MA DMF) to support the collection of recreational fisheries data for the NOAA Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP). A.I.S. will provide MA DMF with fisheries technicians to interact with fishermen and conduct Access Point Angler Intercept Surveys (APAIS) at coastal locations. Sampling time and locations are randomly selected by NOAA Fisheries survey protocol, and will occur at boat ramps, marinas, beaches, jetties and fishing piers throughout MA. Interviewers obtain catch information from anglers such as species caught, and the number of fish kept or released. Biological information such as length and weight measurements of whole fish are also obtained. The catch data are used to produce a statewide estimate of the total fish caught, harvested and released for recreationally important marine species. The survey data are used extensively by fishery biologists and managers to assess stock condition, evaluate regulations, and plan future management actions that lead to sustainable recreational fisheries.

### **DUTIES:**

1. Interview anglers using scripted survey questions. Collect biological, demographic, and economic fisheries data at coastal locations throughout MA, or potentially aboard boats at sea.
2. Accurately record and code data on standardized forms. Self audit data prior to submission.
3. Follow strict sampling schedule, to collect data at specific times and locations, according to scientific protocol.
4. Electronically submit weekly summary reports of activity. Mail data on time, according to deadline.
5. Operate and maintain field equipment and sampling gear.

**Compensation:** \$12.00 – \$14.00 per hour commensurate with experience, plus paid mileage.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. It is preferred that applicants have at least one year of full-time, or equivalent part-time technical experience in marine biology or fisheries work. One year of the preferred experience may consist of the substitution below:  
Two years of study in marine, fisheries or wildlife biology; fisheries or wildlife management; marine science or oceanography may be substituted for the preferred experience. Candidates without any of the above experience will still be considered on a case by case basis.
2. Good public relations, communications, and interpersonal skills. Ability to interact favorably with anglers, boat crews, and captains.

3. Willingness to learn, or ability to identify and handle marine fish and invertebrates common in Massachusetts' coastal waters.
4. Experience filling out data forms in the field, with meticulous attention to detail.
5. Ability to complete, organize, safely store, and ship paperwork in a timely fashion.
6. Knowledge of computer software applications including: Microsoft Office Suite and internet browsers.
7. Ability to work independently outdoors in adverse weather conditions including rainy and windy conditions, heat and cold.
8. Ability to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Job requires work on most weekends, when a majority of recreational fishing takes place, and some longer/earlier/later than normal work days.
2. Some applicants will be primarily shore based, while others will occasionally survey anglers from both shore and aboard boats at sea. Applicants must be able to perform sampling in less than ideal weather conditions.
3. Applicants must be physically fit and capable of lifting heavy fish specimens, both alive and dead. Able to stand for 6 hours, climb and descend ladders to access shore sample sites, walk on soft sand, conduct interviews in noisy environments, and safely navigate slippery surfaces such as boat ramps, rock jetties, marina docks, and board / disembark vessels, etc.
4. Applicants must have a valid driver's license and reliable source of transportation.
5. All candidates must be approved by the MA Division of Marine Fisheries.

**To Apply:** Please submit a resume, cover letter, 3 professional references (name, e-mail address and phone number) and unofficial copies of your college transcripts. Click the following link (<https://goo.gl/eIXS9B>) to complete our application and to submit the required documents.

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Additional questions regarding the position can be directed to Monet N. Viens, HR Manager, at 508-990-9054.