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Job Ad

Ministry: Ministry of Natural Resources
Division: Science and Information
Position Title: Aquatic Assessment Science Specialist - Quetico Milles Lacs FAU
Duration: 1 Permanent
Location: R.R. #1, 25TH Side Road, Fire Lot #173, Thunder Bay, P7C 4T9, North Region
Compensation Group: OPSEU
Salary: \$1,213.18 - \$1,484.36 per week*
Position Status: Open
Job Code: 14026 - Biologist 3 B/U
Schedule: A
Category: Science and Engineering
Job ID: 19931

Are you looking to advance your scientific career in sustainable resource management in the northern Ontario? If so, consider joining the Ministry of Natural Resources scientific team in the Northwest Region.

In this exciting opportunity, you will participate in the development and implementation of an integrated aquatic science and information program. You will contribute to the development of strategic aquatic science and fisheries assessment and monitoring plans, develop annual work plans and program status reports, prepare budget proposals and monitor expenditures. You will identify the best existing science, knowledge, information, and technology available to meet the needs of resource management practitioners in managing fisheries stocks and aquatic ecosystems and develop partnerships with researchers, science specialists, and experts within the ministry, other government agencies and jurisdictions, and the scientific, academic, and resource management communities. You will develop, calibrate and validate practices, standards, indices and tools related to monitoring, assessment and reporting on fish communities and populations and the ecology of aquatic ecosystems. You will lead and/or participate on provincial projects, task teams, committees and other forums to develop agreement on practices, standards, and resource management guides as well as transfer existing science, knowledge, information and technology by providing technical assistance, consultation and advise in the use and interpretation of science and information. Assisting in the regional coordination and delivery of programs and supporting other program areas are also components of this position.

Qualifications: advanced knowledge of the theory, principles and practices of aquatic ecosystem management, fisheries population ecology and management, aquatic ecosystems classification and productivity, aquatic habitat classification, fish physiology and behavior, monitoring and biometrics; knowledge of resource management legislation, regulations and guidelines relative to Ontario such as the Environmental Bill of Rights, Environmental Assessment Act, Green Energy Act, Federal Fisheries Act, Strategic Plan for Ontario's Fishery II; knowledge of scientific methods such as experimental and sampling design and statistical analysis (multi-variate and trend-thru-time); knowledge of computer software including word processing, data management, spreadsheets, and statistical analysis; thorough knowledge of GIS and proven ability to create, manipulate and query spatial data; knowledge of database design and architecture principles; project management and organizational skills; analytical, problem solving and research skills to clarify problems, evaluate options and identify approaches; excellent communication skills; strong interpersonal and consultative skills to facilitate cooperation between researchers, clients and partners; group leadership skills to provide advice and guidance to field staff; valid driver's licence to conduct field work; ability to obtain standard or wilderness first aid certificate and pleasure craft operators certificate as issued by Transport Canada.

Posting Date: Monday, August 31, 2009

Closing Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Applications must be received by the end of the closing date with the Job ID number quoted.

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