



## **WILDLIFE SPECIALIST I**

**“Gila River Basin Aquatic Wildlife Specialist”**

**WILDLIFE MGMT DIV / AQUATICS MGMT BRANCH / PHOENIX BASED**

**FLSA-Non-Exempt / GRADE 18 (hiring range \$31,110- \$38,000)**

**REQUISITION #58852 / CLOSING DATE: 10/19/2020**

The mission of the Arizona Game & Fish Department is to conserve Arizona’s diverse wildlife resources and manage for safe, compatible outdoor recreation opportunities for current and future generations. It is our vision to be the national conservation leader supporting the continuation of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation and Arizona’s most trusted, respected and credible source for wildlife conservation products, services and information.

**Description of Duties:** Reporting to the Gila River Basin Aquatic Wildlife Specialist III, the Gila River Basin Aquatic Wildlife Specialist will be responsible for providing support and assistance to the Gila River Basin Native Fishes Program.

Major duties include:

- Collecting aquatic field data, stocking and transporting fish, conducting literature reviews, planning field logistics, developing study and project plans, managing and analyzing data and developing project reports
- Monitoring native and nonnative fishes and other aquatic organisms
- May serve as a field crew leader and direct other assistants in the collection of field data and general implementation of the project
- Assists with electronic data entry, conducting error checks on data and assisting with development of technical reports and helps with concept and detailed study/project proposals, plans, and designs
- Presents program and area reports, study plans and scientific findings at State, National and International symposia and public meetings
- Handles logistics for camps and field work including proper maintenance and operation of equipment and vehicles
- Assists with environmental compliance, coordination meetings between agencies, landowners, private citizens, and non-governmental organizations including landowner and lessee communications
- Performs other duties as assigned

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**Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:** The candidate must be skilled in fish sampling techniques, handling, marking, and releasing various fish species, data collection and recording, electronic data entry and cleaning of data with some knowledge of analysis, skilled in first aid and survival techniques and using motorized equipment specifically 4wd, ATV's and UTV's for travel. Must possess advanced skills and ability to live, navigate and work in remote wilderness environments and effectively communicate with government, non-governmental and landowners as well as able to traverse rugged terrain. The candidate must have knowledge of scientific method and analysis, advanced mathematics and statistics, knowledge and experience in technical writing, knowledge of Arizona's Threatened and Endangered native fishes and the Endangered Species Act as well as NEPA and environmental compliance. The candidate must have a bachelor's degree in a fisheries science or a closely related field from an accredited college or university.

Employment is contingent upon completion of a post-offer medical/physical examination and the agency's ability to reasonably accommodate any restrictions. Position requires possession of and the ability to retain a current, valid state-issued driver's license appropriate to the assignment. Employees who drive on state business are subject to driver's license record checks, must maintain acceptable driving records and must complete any required driver training (see Arizona Administrative Code R2-10-207.12.).

All newly hired employees will be subject to the E-Verify Employment Eligibility Verification program. Our work environment offers training opportunities and encourages career development.

The State of Arizona offers an outstanding comprehensive benefits package including:

- \* 13 days of vacation
- \* 12 sick days with accumulation benefits
- \* 10 paid holidays
- \* Participation in the nationally recognized Arizona State Retirement System
- \* Superior health care options
- \* Vision care, dental care, pharmacy benefits, and flexible spending account (options available)
- \* Life, long-term disability, and short-term disability insurance options are available
- \* Many more benefit programs are available

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