FISHERIES FIELD OBSERVER VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

LOCATION: Virginia Marine Resources Commission located at 380 Fenwick Road, Fort Monroe, VA 23651.

WORK DESCRIPTION: Fisheries field observer responsible for conducting field observations aboard commercially licensed vessels; will collect necessary data of commercial harvest and incidental capture of Atlantic sturgeon and various turtle species. Must record data retrieved during observations accurately and via data entry. Is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of all assigned equipment; may assist with written and phone –in information request and interact with commercial licensees during observation trips. When not conducting field observations may report to main office and assist with data and research. This position is intended to conduct field observations aboard a vessel 2-3 times per week, not to exceed 30 hours. This work may include early morning hours, weekends, or 10-12 hour working days, but is variable depending on available trips.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS: Must have knowledge of applied seafood harvesting practices and business, scientific knowledge of marine species and the marine environment. Requires well developed skills in speaking and writing; must be able to lift 50 lbs. and large fish, have experience working with commercial fishermen and ability to build a working relationship and have easy recognition of fish species. Ideal candidate will have excellent communication skills, assertiveness and ability to build a rapport with commercial fisherman. Should be organized and detail oriented; will be required to keep accurate and precise records. Technicians will be given necessary training and will be required to pass certification test. Must be able to work independently.

CONTACT INFORMATION: To apply please send a Resume as well as a Cover Letter to: Christopher.Davis@mrc.virginia.gov

For any questions about the position, please contact the lead biologist at (757) 403-1428.

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