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Fisheries Student Research Technician (Hourly)

Description:

A fisheries research technician is needed to conduct applied research to gather answers to questions related to how competitive angling events impact individual largemouth bass, as well as largemouth bass population. The primary duties of this position will require the technician to work closely to assist a graduate student on a number of research projects designed to quantify the impacts of tournaments on bass, including field work to deploy telemetry equipment to track fish movements, field work to quantify how different holding conditions can impact bass, as well as assisting with laboratory simulations of angling tournament conditions. Work will occur in the field (Boat or marina at field sites), at the University of Illinois Pond Research Site on S. Lincoln Ave., or in a shared laboratory on campus. The position will be flexible with up to 40 hours a week based in Champaign, Illinois with frequent travel to Clinton Lake and Newton Lake. Weekend work is necessary to monitor fishing tournaments that only happen on weekends. The technician may have the opportunity to develop their own project from the data collected.

Position dates:

Start—April 2023

End – June 2023

Pay rate: \$13/hr.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Handle, transport, and prepare largemouth bass for surgery

Construct, repair, and maintain field equipment

Assist in field station set-up and take down

Assist in deploying and checking receivers via boat

Prepare field gear for outings

Interact and maintain a professional relationship with tournament participants

Enter and organize data field data appropriately and in a timely manner

Assist with laboratory simulations to measure fish stress response

Organize laboratory samples and maintain lab space

Qualifications:

Must be working towards a bachelor's degree in natural resources, animal biology, zoology, animal science, or another related field.

Demonstrate the ability to handle responsibilities and work independently and as a team.

Must be able to learn new skills quickly.

Must have good organizational skills.

Must have effective and professional communication skills

Must be comfortable working long days outside

Familiarity with boats is preferred but not required

Familiarity with small engines is preferred but not required

Experience with fish handling and tagging preferred but not required

To Apply: Email a document containing a cover letter, resume/CV, and contact information for 2-3 professional references to Allison Hay at aahay2@illinois.edu by 11:59 pm on March 24th, 2023. **Please make the subject line of the email: LASTNAME – LMB Technician Application.**

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