

FISHERIES/WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST II - Position #K0239195

This unclassified, full-time position is located in the Fisheries Division, Region 1, Glen Elder Area Office; and is directly supervised by Scott Waters, Fisheries Regional Supervisor. The Glen Elder Area Office is located in Northcentral Kansas, which boasts abundant outdoor recreation and fish and wildlife resources and a very reasonable cost of living. This position has exciting potential to integrate research, conservation biology, and human dimensions into fisheries management.

The incumbent has district fisheries management and conservation responsibilities for Cloud, Jewell, Mitchell, Osborne, Ottawa, and Republic counties in northcentral Kansas, which includes Glen Elder and Lovewell reservoirs, Jewell and Ottawa State fishing lakes, and several publicly accessible impoundments. The district contains a diverse mix of large reservoir and small impoundments with some of the state's best walleye, black bass, and panfish fisheries along with many miles of rivers and streams with sport fish and native species conservation opportunities.

Work involves organizing, coordinating, and directing fisheries programs and projects to the benefit of users of the fisheries resources; conducting fish population surveys, supervision of seasonal employees, and providing technical services to private landowners and local governing units. Other duties and opportunities exist relating to data analysis, fisheries research, fish culture, native species conservation, aquatic education, improving fishing access, and aquatic habitat improvement. The position is expected to use and disseminate scientific information for projects in the region and is encouraged to attend natural resource and scientific meetings. There is excellent potential for cooperation with other agency divisions in the region including law enforcement, public lands, and wildlife, among others. The position can expect a healthy mix of field work, office duties, and travel to accomplish duties.

May 2022 college graduates are encouraged to apply as the starting date can be flexible to allow employment to begin shortly after graduation with either a bachelors or graduate degree.

BENEFITS: Beginning hourly wage, \$25.05/hour; group health and life insurance; retirement; optional deferred compensation, dental and vision options; holidays; and sick, vacation and parental leave. Moving expenses are available within State of Kansas guidelines. Incumbent will be eligible for future competitive, promotional opportunities in Region 1 as a Fisheries/Wildlife Biologist III.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor's degree in environmental, agricultural or natural sciences/resources. Experience in the fields listed above may be substituted for the required education as determined relevant by the agency. Applicants possessing a bachelor's degree with major course work in fisheries science/management will be given preference. One year of field experience in fisheries management, culture and /or research is strongly preferred. The successful candidate must pass a background check AND must possess and maintain a valid driver's license.

HOW TO APPLY: Go to the State Employment Center at <https://admin.ks.gov/services/state-employment-center> and follow the directions below:

Click in the middle of the page under the Sunflower. From there either **Sign in** to your existing account or **Register** for a new account.

- **Review and complete** your contact information on the **My Contact Information** page. Please make sure to include your **email address**.
- **Upload documents** listed in the **Required Documents** section of this job posting to the appropriate location.
- **Complete and Submit** your application.
- **Check your email and My Job Notifications** for written communications from the Recruiter.
 - o **Email** - the **email** listed on the **Careers>My Contact Information** page.
 - o **Notifications** - view the **Careers>My Job Notifications** page

The following are the required items to apply:

- 1) a letter of interest
- 2) a detailed resume; **including a valid e-mail address**
- 3) transcript material, **if applicable**, (copies of official transcripts or unofficial student copies are acceptable as long as they reflect the degree and degree conferral date)
- 4) employment application – this is generated from the information which is input into the system
- 5) an Authorization to Release Information form** (this can be found at the following website): <https://www.ksoutdoors.com/news/KDWPT-Info/Jobs/Employment-Application-Additional-Info> and,

****Please note, this form must either be witnessed and signed by a Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks employee or signed in front of and notarized by a notary public. We reserve the right to conduct a background check on all qualified applicants.**

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Submitted application materials will be reviewed in Pratt to assure that the position minimum requirements are met, and those meeting the minimum requirements will be forwarded to the Secretary and Human Resource Director for interview selection. Applicants are notified whether or not they are selected to interview.

Veterans' Preference Eligible (VPE): Former military personnel or their spouse that have been verified as a "veteran" under K.S.A. 73-201 will receive an interview if they meet the minimum requirements of the position. The veterans' preference laws do not guarantee the veteran a job. Positions are filled with the best qualified candidate as determined by the appointing authority. Additional VPE information can be found at <https://admin.ks.gov/services/state-employment-center/veterans>. Applicants claiming veterans' preference for the first time must mail a copy of your DD-214 to the Office of Personnel Services, 900 SW Jackson, Room 401-N, Topeka KS 66612, or FAX to 785/291-3715.

DEADLINE TO APPLY – April 8, 2022

The State of Kansas is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We value diversity, equity, and inclusion as essential elements that create and foster a welcoming workplace. All qualified persons will be considered for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, political affiliation, disability or any other factor unrelated to the essential functions of the job. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

If you wish to identify yourself as a qualified person with a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act and would like to request an accommodation, please address the request to the recruiter.