

FISHERIES TECHNICIAN

A fisheries technician oversees and assists in the daily work to be completed at a fishery. They ensure fish are well and fed and are responsible for general maintenance around the facility.

WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES WILL I HAVE?

- Assist biologists and technicians of higher level in various natural resource management or research activities, including use, maintenance and calibration of scientific and technical equipment
- Assist in habitat enhancement and management
- Operate high-pressure spray pumps, outboard motors, air boats, mud boats, vehicles, tractors, and other equipment
- Provide technical support and assistance to professional personnel engaged in fish production and freshwater mussel propagation at a disease-free hatchery
- Prepare diets for fish
- Collect fish broodstock
- Sort and spawn fish
- Clean aquaculture equipment and tanks
- Record keeping



WHAT EDUCATION & TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

A bachelor's degree in aquaculture, biology, chemistry, statistics or agriculture is required

THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED...

Agricultural education, mathematics, biology, chemistry, environmental sciences

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Privately owned fisheries, government and state agencies

FUTURE JOB MARKET/OUTLOOK



SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- American Fisheries Society
- National Aquaculture Organization
- The World Aquaculture Society

AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME SALARY

\$38,000