

**Hourly Position: Wildlife Disease Biologist**

Office of Fish & Wildlife Health & Forensics  
N.J. Division of Fish & Wildlife  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Open: May 26, 2016, Closes: June 15, 2016



The Office of Fish & Wildlife Health & Forensics is searching for a part time employee to conduct wildlife disease investigations/surveillance and to work collaboratively on fish health projects conducted by the office.

The candidate is required to report to the Wildlife Pathology Lab in Clinton and/or the Fish Health Lab at the Pequest Trout Hatchery in Oxford and is expected to work three days per week. It is expected that the individual will work collaboratively with the Department of Agriculture, Animal Health Diagnostic Laboratory in Ewing and with the Northeastern Wildlife Disease Cooperative. This is an excellent opportunity to work collaboratively with state biologists and other agencies to investigate and survey wildlife populations for important and emerging disease threats.

**Education:** A Bachelor's Degree with a focus on wildlife biology/disease is required; preference will be given to candidates with a graduate degree (Master's) with laboratory and research experience and/or animal health experience.

**Duties:**

The employee is expected to respond to and investigate wildlife mortality throughout the state, dissect and collect tissue samples from wildlife species, maintain a wildlife pathology reporting database, provide written reports, assist with the state's chronic wasting disease surveillance program and work with the Fish Pathologist on fish disease research projects. Duties will include sample collection from the field, sample processing for histopathology and molecular studies, and report writing.

**Preferred qualifications:**

The individual should be self-motivated and have a strong background in wildlife disease along with research experience. It is preferred that the individual have experience with aseptic techniques for sample collection and laboratory experience in histology, microbiology, and/or molecular biology techniques. The individual must have strong writing skills, demonstrated by publications or report-writing. Experience with necropsies of various wildlife species is desirable.

**Wages:**

This is an hourly position with an hourly wage of \$14 to \$20 per hour depending on qualifications and experience.

**To apply:**

Please send an email with two attachments, 1) a cover letter stating your interest and suitability for the position and 2) a current Curriculum Vitae. Email your information to Jan Lovy at the contact below by 4:00 pm on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Only those candidates that will be invited for an interview will be contacted.

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