



Marine Angler Survey Program



Description: The Connecticut, Department of Environmental Protection, Marine Fisheries Division participates with the National Marine Fisheries Service in the collection of marine recreational fisheries data. This nationwide coastal survey (called the Marine Recreational Information Program or MRIP) is designed to canvass marine anglers on a state by state basis in order to collect fishing trip information such as hours fished, area fished, target species, demographic data, and catch data including length and weight measurements on marine fish. This information is used to estimate the number of marine anglers in the state, number of fishing trips, and the number of fish kept and released. Survey data is used for stock assessment purposes and for managing the marine recreational fishery.

Job Duties/Requirements: The Marine Fisheries Division is looking for candidates to fill three, six month marine resource assistant positions (one position starting March 15, April 15, and May 15). Job duties include interviewing marine anglers at shore based fishing locations, boat ramps, and marinas along the Connecticut shoreline and performing at sea sampling on board headboats. The interview process consists of collecting fishing trip data as previously described, identifying and counting marine species and categorizing by disposition, and performing length and weight measurements. Additional duties consist of answering questions queried by the public and providing fisheries related information including fishing regulations. Persons applying must possess a valid driver's license, be highly responsible, and make decisions independently.

Pay Rates/Work Hours: Pay rates depending on experience and education range from \$10-12 per hour. The workweek is based on 35 hours with working weekends and holidays required since most fishing effort occurs during those days (days off are during the week but the work schedule is extremely flexible).

How to Apply/Contact Person:

To apply, please indicate that you are interested in the Marine Angler Survey position and submit an employment application ([State of Connecticut Application for Examination or Employment](#)) by mail (address listed below) or E-mail to joanne.kelley@ct.gov.

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