

Biological Science Technician

SALARY: *Approx. \$16 per hr regular time/\$21 per hr overtime*

STATUS: *Intermittent position with National Marine Fisheries Service contractor. Several positions are available.*

TERM: *Limit subject to job performance*

DUTY STATION: *Galveston, Texas*

PROMOTIONAL POTENTIAL: *None*

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE: <http://galveston.ssp.nmfs.gov> and click "platforms" in the menu on the left side of the page.

DUTIES: *Visual monitoring for sea turtles and marine mammals at explosive removal of oil and gas platforms in the Gulf of Mexico primarily off Louisiana and Texas. Observations are made from vessels, barges, and helicopters. Record keeping, trip report preparation, data collection, data entry and data proofing are also required. Duration of offshore trips averages approximately 3-7 days. Longer trips may occur occasionally. Approximately 95% of work is offshore where incumbent lives aboard vessels and/or barges. Travel by car, boat, plane, and helicopter is required. Must have valid driver's license. Position is intermittent with no set daily working hours. Observers are "on call" for offshore work. Incumbent only works when offshore platform removals occur. During offshore trips, incumbent generally works one 12 hour shift each day. Overtime is paid for hours worked in excess of 40 hours per week. Approximately 75% of work occurs from June through December.*

QUALIFICATIONS: *BS degree in marine biology or related field. Ability to work in rough seas and inclement weather often under harsh living conditions is required. Must be mature, self-starter, who works well with others and requires minimal supervision. Experience living and working aboard vessels at sea is useful. Must have physical attributes conducive to working at sea aboard large and small vessels and barges including but not limited to: performing offshore transfers using swing lines and personnel baskets, performing vessel to vessel transfers, traversing steep stairways and walkways aboard rolling vessels, etc. Those prone to seasickness or requiring comfortable living/working conditions should not apply.*

HOW TO APPLY: *Submit current resume, college transcript (unofficial is okay), and list of three references (name, phone number, and, if available, e-mail address) to:*

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