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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Advertised to Employees and Public

LOCATION	TITLE	SALARY
Nebraska Game & Parks Commission 2200 North 33 rd Street Lincoln, Nebraska	Water Affairs Liaison Assistant Division Administrator Planning & Programming Division	*\$28.433/hour Position #03313008

APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 24, 2022

DESCRIPTION: The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is seeking a collaborative, passionate individual to serve as the agency's Water Affairs Liaison to work together with agency staff and partners committed to protecting Nebraska's most precious resource: water. The ideal candidate will possess the ability to coordinate water resource planning and implementation projects, lead water-related research projects, communicate effectively with staff, partners and Board of Commissioners regarding water issues that affect the agency, and facilitate conversation to innovatively address shared goals with a variety of entities. This position provides the opportunity for professional growth while working with accomplished leaders across the state in a fun, flexible, and team-oriented work environment.

JOB DUTIES: Under the guidance of the Planning Division Administrator, coordinate, collaborate, and administer water resource planning efforts and projects. Serve as liaison and point of contact regarding water issues with local, state and federal partners. Represent ecological interests on committees, boards and workgroups such as the Vision for an Ecologically Sound Platte River, Water Resources Advisory Panel, the Instream Flow Council and others regarding water issues and coordinate findings and actions with Administration, Division Administrator and key staff. Interaction and coordination with staff regarding Platte River Recovery and Implementation Program, Missouri River Recovery Program, Federal Energy Relicensing Commission actions, and other such water management programs or projects. Facilitate, coordinate and communicate Agency's comments regarding interbasin water transfers, water development projects, water management plans, hydropower relicensing, flood reduction plans, and other water issues. Administer the regulatory functions of the division relating to water resource management. Maintain existing instream flow appropriations and assess the need for future changes. Stay informed on current water resource management practices and changes in local, state and national water law, regulations, and policies which affect the agency's mission. Coordinate on a statewide basis all management and technical services related to water policy and water planning. Lead interdivisional team to provide guidance and next steps in water planning and policy. Research best management practices and determine feasibility of implementation of changes in water policy. Develop division budget for water planning activities and other projects as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, & ABILITIES: Knowledge of: state and federal laws and regulations and resource management principles related to groundwater, surface water, watersheds, and/or aquatic ecosystems; understanding of Nebraska's rivers and streams and/or river ecology; evaluate and analyze water research;



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basic understanding of developing a budget; software applications including Microsoft Suite, Adobe and ESRI GIS products.

Skills to: listen to and understand information received; effectively communicate and collaborate with a multitude of personalities; build relationships and trust with partners; take lead facilitation role with water issues; creatively address challenges in resource management and build consensus when needed.

Ability to: lead a team, build trust, and develop partnerships; coordinate and collaborate internally and externally; effectively communicate verbally and through writing; convey complex information and concepts; serve as liaison for water issues; represent agency in a professional manner; set and articulate clear goals and objectives; supervise the work of others; maintain effective working relationships with federal, state and local officials, other agency personnel and the public; write grants for research and water-related projects determined by position.

QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor's degree in an area related to division functions such as biology, ecology, natural resource management...etc. plus five years of related experience OR Master's degree in an area related to division functions plus three years of related experience.

TO APPLY: Apply on line at statejobs.nebraska.gov. Applications must be entered on or before the application deadline to be considered.

*Persons new to Nebraska state government will be hired at the starting pay level. Pay rates for current Nebraska state government employees that are promoted/transferred to this position will be determined by the appropriate labor contract or Classified System Personnel Rules.