



Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries
Wildlife Section – Job Announcement – Wildlife Health Coordinator
Biologist III (70723) Wildlife Option (045)

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries is seeking experienced, career focused applicants to fill a **Wildlife Health Coordinator** (Biologist III – Wildlife Option) position. This is an administrative and professional tract position primarily responsible for managing programs related to wildlife disease ecology, monitoring, and management. The incumbent serves as the Division’s Wildlife Health Coordinator who’s responsibilities include, but are not limited to, identifying statewide disease issues related to focal wildlife species; coordinating and implementing species specific disease surveillance; assisting with data collection on various program projects; preparing documents and reports for state and federal funding compliance; assisting with budget outlays and prioritizing program expenditures; preparing documents and reports for disease regulation recommendations; providing technical assistance on wildlife disease to government agencies, and public and private entities; collaborating with other resource professionals, state agencies, and universities on cooperative wildlife disease research and management efforts; preparing monthly and annual reports detailing work accomplishments associated with disease surveillance, management, research, and technical assistance; developing written materials covering various wildlife disease topics to be shared through technical and popular media, and other outlets; providing ongoing support to senior staff on development and evaluation of wildlife disease response plans, policies, and regulations; and other duties as assigned. This position, while largely autonomous in daily duties, receives oversight and programmatic guidance from the Wildlife Section Assistant Chief for Research and Species Management and serves as part of the Technical Assistance Program Team. Field work with exposure to inclement weather and travel, including occasional overnight stays, is required.

The position is located in Montgomery, Alabama and is open-competitive to all applicants and current state employees with permanent status. **Qualifications:** All applicants must have a bachelor’s degree in wildlife management, Wildlife Science, or a closely related field from an accredited college or university and three (3) years of professional experience in the wildlife research or wildlife management OR a master’s degree in wildlife management, Wildlife Science, or a closely related field from an accredited college or university and one (1) year of professional experience in the wildlife research or wildlife management. Qualified applicants must also meet the education requirements for certification as an Associate Wildlife Biologist by the Wildlife Society. The Wildlife Society’s requirements for certification as an Associate Wildlife Biologist can be found at <http://wildlife.org/>.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Knowledge of wildlife biology and ecology for game and nongame species.
- Knowledge of common and emergent wildlife diseases.
- Knowledge of population dynamics and habitat management principles and practices.
- Experience in and knowledge of wildlife disease identification and sampling techniques.
- Knowledge of scientific methods, survey designs, statistical analysis, and data synthesis.
- Ability to develop risk assessments for certain focal wildlife diseases.
- Ability to plan, implement, administer, and coordinate wildlife disease and statewide surveillance programs.
- Ability to communicate effectively, both oral and written.
- Ability to prepare written reports, articles, and conduct oral presentations.

To apply, complete an Application for Examination available at www.personnel.alabama.gov. Go to “Careers” then “Job Announcements” and Filter by Job Title: Biologist III (Job Class 70723, Option 045 (Wildlife Option)).

To learn more about the position contact Amy Silvano, Assistant Chief, Wildlife Section, Amy.Silvano@dcnr.alabama.gov

Applications must be received at the State Personnel Department September 30, 2023.