

**DESCRIPTION:** Under immediate supervision, performs manual work as an assistant in habitat development and maintenance activities in the operation of a fish production facility or wildlife management and recreation areas; duties are performed within established guidelines; performs related work as assigned.

**DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:** (A position is assigned to this class based on the scope and level of work performed as outlined below.)

This class is differentiated from the Conservation Technician class series by the complexity of semi-skilled to skilled mechanical and technical tasks assigned in the areas of habitat development and maintenance assigned to positions allocated to those classifications.

**EXAMPLES OF WORK:** (A position may not be assigned all the duties listed, nor do these examples include all the duties that may be assigned.)

Conducts manual habitat management on conservation lands.

Assists in completing habitat surveys to gather data; records field data and submits applicable data sheets to a supervisor and/or Biologist for review.

Assists in completing fish population surveys and wildlife population surveys; record information collected on data sheets and reports applicable findings to a supervisor and/or Biologist.

Ensures proper maintenance of all equipment and vehicles used; conducts regular checks to ensure equipment is operating properly.

Conducts water quality measurements and reports findings on applicable data sheets.

Performs required cleaning of fish hatchery equipment and fish storage

Provides assistance in fish distribution stocking.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED:** (These are needed to perform the work assigned.)

Knowledge of: fisheries or wildlife management; the operation, care and repair of fisheries, wildlife management and recreation areas, vehicles and equipment; basic mathematical computations including addition and subtraction; various habitat common to Nebraska; species identification methods; computer systems and programs.

Ability to: operate and utilize various collection instruments including gill and trap nets and other forms of trapping; operate basic fish hatchery equipment such as pumps and spreaders; follow instructions; maintain accurate records; adequately manage time and work under stringent timeframes; use power tools such as chainsaws under direct supervision; operate a computer; work outside under any type of weather conditions performing manual tasks.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** (Applicants will be screened for possession of these qualifications. Applicants who need accommodation in the selection process should request this in advance.)

Coursework/training or experience in fisheries, wildlife and/or recreation management or fish or wildlife conservation.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

Specific positions in this class may require an employee to possess a valid driver's license or the ability to provide independent authorized transportation in order to perform work-related travel.

It may be necessary to adjust regular work hours to adequately complete sampling and survey functions.

State agencies are responsible to evaluate each of their positions to determine their individual overtime eligibility status as required by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).