

STATE OF NEBRASKA CLASS SPECIFICATION
GAME AND PARKS CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN II

EST: 08/76 – REV: 05/10
CLASS CODE: M43152

DESCRIPTION: Under general supervision, performs skilled mechanical and technical work in habitat development and maintenance activities in the operation of a fish production facility or wildlife management and recreation areas; serves as a work leader providing basic outreach assistance to work groups; 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 is the second and final classification level of the Conservation Technician class series. Incumbents in this class perform duties of a Conservation Tech I at an expert level while leading a work group on an ongoing basis.

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.)

Serves as a working leader in the seining, salvaging, feeding, caring, propagating and transporting of fish at fish hatcheries or as a Crew Leader for habitat management facilities, land and equipment.

Leads work crews in basic habitat management practices; may perform lead worker duties in several work operations across a district or region of the state.

Collects habitat data, or directs the collection of such data, through personal interviews, surveys and sampling methods; compiles and tabulates field and laboratory data, enters and organizes data into a computer database for reporting purposes.

Performs basic analysis of data collected; develops study data summaries; presents descriptions and comparisons to a supervisor and/or Biologist.

Performs routine laboratory and field tasks including sexing, aging and identification of species.

Responds to depredation complaints and assists in developing resolutions.

Mixes and applies chemicals and herbicides as directed to preserve specimen or perform weed control.

Operates light to heavy agricultural equipment in the construction or maintenance of conservation lands and recreation area roads and trails.

Responsible for all maintenance and repair operations on wildlife, fishery and recreation areas, vehicles and equipment.

Prepares reports, maintains inventory; provides public relations.

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

Knowledge of: wildlife management principles; supervision; the operation, care and repair of fisheries, wildlife management and recreation areas, vehicles and equipment; fish and wildlife habits; various types of habitat common to Nebraska; species identification methods; basic chemical mixtures and reactions; safety standards required in the use of tractors, farm equipment, boats, trucks, ATV, chain saws and other hand tools and power equipment; basic mathematical computations; basic statistical analysis methods; computer systems and programs.

Ability to: serve as a lead worker; accurately maintain records; give and follow instructions; make decisions; enter data or documentation into a computer; work with and properly handle fish and wildlife specimen; communicate in person to conduct interviews to obtain necessary data; work outside under any type of weather conditions; operate a computer.

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

15 semester hours or the equivalent of post high school coursework/training in fisheries management, natural resources and/or biology AND 12 months experience in wildlife, recreation or fisheries management.

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).