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PAGO PAGO, AMERICAN SAMOA 96799

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Job Title: Technician II (Key Reef Program)		Posting Date: April 9, 2026	Serial No.: 053-26
Department/Division: Marine and Wildlife Resources / Fisheries		Closing Date: April 29, 2026	Announcement No.: 053-26
Type of Position: Permanent Appointment	Posting Type: Employment Opportunity/ Open to the Public	Pay Grade and Salary Range: GS-09; \$16,567 - \$41,817 p.a.	

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- Conduct field video transfer of coral reef substrate/fish survey in various reef sites in the territory.
- Participate as dive researcher in various expeditions.
- Assist the fisheries scientists in the survey of fish catch early in the morning for spearfishing and at a flexible time for bottom fishing.
- Identifying, sort and measures the length and weight of fisheries during the fish catch survey in the field and for selected fishes in the laboratory.
- Identify, sort and measure the length and weight of selected fish for age-and-growth studies.
- Extract, label and properly store fish otoliths, gonads, fin clips and muscle tissues,
- Encode data and organize and manage project database in a timely manner.
- Prepare materials before the field (e.g.) SCUBA gear and laboratory work (e.g. dissecting tools);
- Maintain SCUBA equipment, video camera housing and other assigned program equipment in good condition.
- Follow-up purchase orders and obtain invoices needed for supplies and equipment.
- Keep track of time sheets and organize personal Daily Activity Records (DARs);
- Manage program schedule and other assigned tasks.
- Report to the Program Manager and Chief Fisheries Biologist on project updates.
- Implement tasks as requested by the Program Manager, Chief Fisheries Biologist, Department Director and Deputy Director.

Knowledge, Skills, and Ability:

- Significant (over 300 research dives) Scuba Diving Experience.
- Have high coral reef fish species identification skill with identification skill of coral reef invertebrates an advantage.
- Have experience in coral reef monitoring sampling design implementation.
- Can drive a boat, fill-in tanks and repair SCUBA gear.

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- Must be organized in work, have excellent social skills, especially in dealing with fisherman and must have excellent time management.
- Experience in working with fishing community is an advantage.
- Have strong interpersonal, leadership and organizational skills.
- Must be highly motivated.
- Must be a team player.
- Have been involved in basic or applied coral reef research and/or management for at least three (3) years and preferably have worked in the South Pacific (work experience in American Samoa is a definite advantage).
- Have experience working with a diverse group of stakeholders including (and especially local) communities, government agency staff, research, educators, and enforcement personnel in a South Pacific setting.
- Be carefully sensitive and have experience living and working in another culture, preferably a South Pacific Island community.
- Working conditions:
 - Work outdoors during late night and/or early morning hours in the changing weather conditions to gather catch and effort information from fishermen.
 - Occasionally involved in rough sea conditions during field work.
 - Able to carry up to 100lbs.; constant bending, lifting, stooping, and handling dead fish.
- Domestic/International Travel: Aunu'u, Manu'a and Internationally
- Extensive Hours: 7:30am - 4:00pm; Monday to Friday

Academic and Experience Requirements

- Applicant must have an associate's degree plus four (4) years of relevant work experience
- Years of progressively responsible working experience may be substituted for a portion of the academic requirement.
- Salary will be adjusted according to experience.

Complete information concerning this vacancy may be obtained from the Personnel Division of the Department of Human Resources, or please contact the Recruitment unit at 699-4481.

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