

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

FISHERY ECONOMIST

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

Term: 2-year appointment, extension possible based on funding and performance

Announcement date: April 23, 2018

Deadline for application: June 8, 2018, or until filled

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) is seeking a Fishery Economist to work in the identification and analysis of economic, social, and environmental issues pertaining to fisheries management off Alaska. This person will participate as part of a team of economic, social, and biological analysts from Council staff and from the staffs of other agencies.

The Council is one of eight regional Councils established by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. The Council has authority over the management of fisheries in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands, Gulf of Alaska, and Arctic in the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska. The states of Washington, Oregon, and Alaska are represented on the Council.

Primary responsibilities will be to analyze potential economic, social, and/or environmental impacts of proposed regulatory changes in support of Council initiatives to develop and modify management programs for the Federal groundfish and crab fisheries off Alaska. Regulatory and environmental impact analyses are prepared to help the Council develop the best management approaches for these fisheries.

Specific duties will include:

- Preparing and contributing to a variety of analyses and discussion papers, to inform the Council on potential impacts of proposed regulatory changes and to assist the Council in the formation of fisheries policy.
- Presenting results of analyses or discussion papers to the Council and advisory committees. Communicating complex analyses at a variety of levels for decisionmakers, scientific review bodies, and stakeholders.
- Working in collaboration with the agencies with which the Council cooperates, including the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, other Council staffs, and the International Pacific Halibut Commission.
- Acting in an advisory capacity in discussions with the Council or the Council's committees on matters relating to the impacts of proposed fishery management regulations, and providing logistical support for such committees.
- Travel to and attendance at Council meetings, public hearings, and other meetings as required.
- Other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Desired Minimums:

- Master's degree or higher in economics, resource economics, or other related discipline.
- Progressively responsible experience in economic research and analysis related to fisheries or other renewable natural resources.
- Experience in conducting applied economic analysis, including benefit-cost and distributional economic impact analyses.
- Ability to clearly communicate complex issues to non-technical audiences.
- Ability to write clearly and succinctly.
- Ability to work professionally with people from diverse scientific and technical backgrounds.
- Knowledge of the various laws pertaining to management of the fishing industry, including the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Executive Order 12866, the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and the Endangered Species Act.
- Ability to manipulate and analyze large, comprehensive sets of state and federal fisheries data.
- Ability to conceptualize the scope of a problem, analyze potential impacts, and complete writing assignments on time.

Preferred:

- Familiarity with North Pacific fisheries and current management issues.
- Demonstrated experience with inter-agency and multi-disciplinary projects.
- Demonstrated experience in the compilation and/or review of environmental impact statements (EIS) or related economic analyses supporting regulatory actions.

Persons with qualifications less than the specified minimums may be considered, but placement of such persons may be accordingly lower.

TERM: This announcement is for a two-year appointment. Extension of the appointment beyond two years may be possible, based on available funding and employee performance.

SALARY: This is a non-federal GS 11/12/13 equivalent position, plus Alaska cost of living adjustments and a fringe benefits package that includes life and health insurance and participation in the State of Alaska retirement system. Starting salary DOE.

LOCATION: The Council office is located in Anchorage, Alaska. Limited moving expenses are authorized. Travel will be required to attend meetings in other Alaska and Pacific Northwest locations.

To Apply: Submit a letter of interest and current resume which highlights relevant experience, training, and education. No format is prescribed. References should be included; however, letters of recommendation, education transcripts, and similar supporting documents are not requested at this time.

Applications or inquiries should be emailed to diana.evans@noaa.gov.

Applications are due by 5 pm Alaska time, Friday, June 8, 2018.