

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT FISHERY ECONOMIST

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Announcement date: January 3, 2012

Deadline for application: February 11, 2012 or until filled

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) is seeking a Fishery Economist to work with other economists/analysts in the identification and analysis of economic issues pertaining to fisheries management off Alaska. This person will participate as part of a team of social, economic, 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 and Gulf of Alaska in the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska. The states of Washington, Oregon, and Alaska are represented on the Council.

Primary responsibilities will be to participate as part of an analytical team in support of Council initiatives to develop and modify management programs for the multi-billion dollar Federal groundfish and crab fisheries off Alaska. Several different management approaches could be considered. Economic and social impact analyses, including benefit-cost and distributional economic impact analyses will be required to help the Council develop management approaches for these fisheries.

Specific duties will include:

- Preparation of regulatory, economic, statistical, and policy analyses and reports for use in the amendment of fishery management plans. Conducting critical reviews of other analyses developed in support of plans.
- Contributing to the development of discussion papers to assist the Council in the development of management alternatives for analysis and consideration.
- Acting, upon assignment, as a liaison between the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and other agencies with which it 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, upon request, 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.
- Attending 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, agricultural economics, or a 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 closely 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 their 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.

SALARY: GS-11/12/13 **equivalent**, DOE, plus Alaska Cost of Living Allowance/Locality Pay, plus fringe benefits package that includes health insurance and participation in the State of Alaska Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). Starting salary range \$68,000 - \$98,000 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.

TERM OF EMPLOYMENT: A commitment of at least two years is required. This is a non-Federal position, though provisions of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act apply. Candidates who wish to apply for IPA assignment from a federal agency should indicate on their application.

TO APPLY: A current curriculum vitae or employment resume, highlighting relevant experience, training, education, research skills, and publications, is required. A brief statement of interest describing the skills you would bring to this position is also required. Send these materials to:

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