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**Fisheries Habitat Restoration Specialist
National Marine Fisheries Service
Restoration Center**

Gloucester, MA

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Restoration Center (RC) is recruiting for a Fisheries Habitat Restoration Specialist for its Northeast Team to assist in the oversight of habitat restoration projects in the Northeast/Northern New England region. The restoration specialist will be based in Gloucester, MA. The successful candidate will work under an annually renewable contract (subject to the availability of funding) with NOAA. The salary range is from \$46,000 to \$54,000 per year, depending upon the applicant's qualifications.

The restoration specialist will provide restoration planning and oversight expertise to support NOAA's Damage Assessment and Restoration Program to restore resources injured by hazardous substance discharges and NOAA's Community-based Restoration Program which provides funding and technical assistance to organizations to implement habitat restoration projects that benefit living marine resources. The restoration specialist will identify and evaluate restoration projects for potential funding, participate on multi-disciplinary teams to plan and execute restoration projects, and provide technical assistance to local organizations in developing proposals for and implementing restoration projects. The restoration specialist will oversee projects throughout the Gulf of Maine region and in New York State. Restoration projects may involve tidal wetlands, anadromous fish passage, riparian/riverine habitats, and shellfish. However, there will be a particular emphasis on river restoration projects involving dam removal, fish passage, in-stream restoration, and riparian habitat restoration. The job may involve the following: field investigations (including site evaluation, and baseline and post-restoration monitoring); technical evaluation of restoration proposals, engineering plans, and modeling reports; development of project scopes of work; project oversight; and public outreach. Close interaction with various components of NOAA, other federal, state and local government agencies, academic institutions, and non-profit organizations will be an important responsibility.

Candidates should possess a Masters degree in one of the marine sciences, fishery biology, ecology, hydrology, water resources, or a related field. Candidates should

possess knowledge of Northeastern U.S. coastal and riverine ecosystems, GIS, monitoring methods for specific habitat types or resources, and life histories and habitat requirements of fish and shellfish. Candidates with strong backgrounds in river restoration, ecology, and hydrology/hydraulics are especially encouraged to apply. Candidates should have strong oral and written communication skills, including the ability to communicate clearly with non-scientists. Other desirable qualifications include applied habitat restoration experience; experience with state and federal regulatory processes; and experience working on interdisciplinary teams. Applicants are encouraged to describe how their knowledge and skills fulfill the requirements of the position. Willingness to travel within the region is a must. All applicants must be U.S. Citizens or permanent resident aliens from U.S. colleges or universities. NOAA is an equal opportunity employer.

For more information about the Restoration Center, visit our web site at:

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/>

Please send your resume and cover letter by June 24, 2005, to: John Catena, Northeast Regional Supervisor, Restoration Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930 (978-281-9251; John.Catena@NOAA.GOV).