

## Internship at the Wildlife Resources Commission

All supplies and equipment are supplied by the Wildlife Resources Commission. All work-related travel expenses are paid by the Wildlife Resources Commission. All interns are paid overtime in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards act and agency policy. Please note that housing is the responsibility of the intern.

<b>Project Name</b> Fisheries Biologist Internship
<b>Objective:</b> The objective of this internship project is to expose the successful candidate to the multiple aspects of being a fisheries biologist. The intern will spend time working with the Aquatic Wildlife Diversity, Sport Fish, and Fish Production.  This internship opportunity will provide the successful candidate with valuable experience in fisheries management. Specifically, the internship will provide exposure to management activities for nongame and sport fish species as well as fish production. Field work will be a major component of this internship.
<b>Project Location</b> County: McDowell County Location: Marion Depot Location Description: 645 Fish Hatchery Road., Marion, North Carolina
<b>Academic Majors:</b> Fisheries Management, Environmental Science, Conservation Biology, Wildlife Management, Ecology, Biology, Zoology, Ichthyology, Natural Resources Management, Aquaculture
<b>Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Required:</b> The successful candidate should have knowledge of basic ecological concepts. The candidate should be able to conduct strenuous activities in and around streams and lakes. A valid driver's license is required.
<b>Tasks and Duties:</b> The intern will assist with conducting sampling for game and nongame organisms as well as assisting with hatchery operations. Tasks include snorkeling, seining, electrofishing, stocking aquatic organisms, data entry, otolith reading, identification of aquatic species, and routine maintenance of facilities and equipment.
<b>Travel Required:</b> This position requires frequent travel with some overnight stays.
<b>Resources Provided</b> Intern will have access to materials needed to complete internship
<b>Work Schedule:</b> 40 hours per week; Monday – Friday; 8 am to 5 pm. Longer days will be common while doing field work.
<b>Final Product:</b> There will be two main outcomes of this project: 1)The intern will have a good understanding of the various aspects of fishery management. This will help interns make better decisions about possibly entering a career in fisheries management. 2) The Inland Fisheries Division will benefit from having extra assistance with management activities.
<b>Work Evaluation:</b> Work will be evaluated by the supervising fisheries biologist in accordance with NCWRC expectations and according to requirements of the intern's educational institution if applicable.
<b>Knowledge Gained:</b> The intern will gain knowledge and experience in the many aspects of fisheries management.
<b>Additional Comments</b>