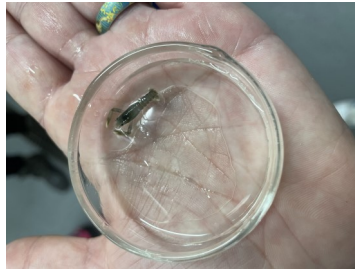


Volunteer at the Maine State Aquarium

Be an Aquarium Aide

The Dept. of Marine Resources' Maine State Aquarium is recruiting volunteers for its 2024 season, June to September. Aquarium Aides will reopen the Aquarium with new tanks, exhibits, and interactive displays. Positions include weekday and weekends, and start early June for training.



Aquarium Aides provide informative experiences and interactions for Aquarium visitors. They educate on a variety of topics, such as Aquarium exhibits, Dept. of Marine Resources research, Gulf of Maine ecosystem, climate change, and community science.

This includes:

- Daily set-up, closing, and cleaning procedures
- Provide talks within exhibit space, scheduled presentations, behind the scenes tours, outreach events, etc.
- Ensure animal welfare and public safety
- Answer visitor questions and facilitate positive visitor experiences
- Conduct tank maintenance, feed animals, maintain accurate logs, and observe animal behavior as needed
- Maintain clean, organized public areas including outside exhibits, restrooms, and grounds
- Communicate effectively with all DMR staff on campus
- Perform other duties as assigned

Aquarium Aide Qualifications

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Ability to give clear, concise, dynamic, positive public presentations through relevant public speaking experience
- Comfortable with and able to handle aquarium specimens
- Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions
- Strong verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills
- Ability to work in dynamic, fast paced environment and make quick decisions concerning the safety of animals and people
- Demonstrate responsibility & self-initiative with minimal direction, and also ability to work in team setting
- Demonstration of positive customer service skills
- Requires long periods of standing, climbing ladders, repeated bending, stretching or reaching; work in rough, uneven, and wet terrain; exposure to cold temperatures; handling live specimens safely and respectfully
- Ability to represent DMR in professional manner
- Ability to perform other duties as assigned

The Gulf of Maine Discovery Center includes the Maine State Aquarium and adjacent Learning Lab, a hands-on science classroom. The Education Division within the Department of Marine Resources manages the Center, as well as nearby Burnt Island with historic lighthouse.

The Aquarium is located at 194 McKown Pt Rd, West Boothbay Harbor.



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How to apply:

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