

THE MAINE STATE AQUARIUM IS HIRING

We are hiring **AQUARIUM AIDES** to open the Aquarium for the 2025 Season. Aides welcome visitors, staff our exhibits, provide talks, and educate about the dynamic Gulf of Maine and DMR research.

Positions run mid-May through August and include training.

WHAT AIDES DO:

- Open, staff & close exhibit spaces for field trips & visitors
- Educate a wide range of audiences about the Gulf of Maine & DMR research
- Provide positive visitor experiences
- Keep visitors & living collections safe
- Staff admissions desk as needed
- Feed animals, clean tanks & keep records
- Clean public spaces
- Work with DMR staff
- Other duties as needed

Positions are 32--40 hr/wk mid May to September & include weekends. Training & field trips begin in May; Aquarium opens mid June. Positions are hired through Tri-State Staffing Agency at \$17/hr. Housing in Boothbay is available as needed.



The Gulf of Maine Discovery Center is managed by the Education Division of the Department of Marine Resources.

It includes the Maine State Aquarium & adjacent Learning Lab (hands-on science classroom).

The Center also includes nearby Burnt Island with historic lighthouse.

The Aquarium is located at 194 McKown Point Road, West Boothbay Harbor.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Associate/Bachelor degree in biology, education, or related field
- 18 years old or over
- Ability to give clear, accurate, engaging public presentations
- Prior public speaking experience
- Comfortable with & able to handle aquarium specimens
- Ability to understand & follow oral & written instructions
- Strong verbal, written & interpersonal skills
- Comfortable in dynamic, fast paced environment
- Requires long periods of physical activity (standing, climbing ladders, reaching in wet conditions)
- Represent DMR professionally

TO APPLY:

Submit resume, cover letter, & two references by March 15 via email aquarium@maine.gov Include "Aquarium Aide" in the Subject line



Staff demonstrates how to measure legal lobster size & how lobster traps work.