TRI-STATE STAFFING Job Announcement MRIP FIELD TECHNICIAN CONTRACTOR

\$19 HOURLY

<u>4 Positions</u> of Varying Duration: 2 run April 22 - November 1, 1 runs May 27 – November 1, 1 runs June 24 - November 1 (most with one month at half time)

OPEN until filled, all require 3 days of training

Tri-State Staffing will be hiring full-time, with 1 month at halftime, seasonal positions to assist the Maine Department of Marine Resources (DMR) Recreational Fishing Program with the collection of information and long-term monitoring programs on commercially and recreationally important marine resources and their fisheries. Data from these studies are used in fishery stock assessments and for fishery management decisions.

JOB DESCRIPTION: Tri-State Staffing is seeking to fill four variable seasonal positions assisting the Maine Department of Marine Resources from April to November to assist in conducting recreational saltwater fishing surveys. Work includes in-person surveying of anglers for participation, catch, and effort data, shore-side and possibly on head boat trips; surveying shark/tuna-permitted boat captains; and possibly assisting in a phone-based survey of fishing charter and head boats.

This is technical work requiring field skills relevant to marine sciences, with collection and recording of data for resource management. Field work is performed independently according to highly detailed procedures for gathering and recording a range of data.

Extensive daily travel in coastal areas of Maine, primarily from Bath to Kittery, is required. A biweekly meeting at DMR in Boothbay Harbor will be required. Weekly hours will vary, though effort will be made to distribute assignments that support full or part-time status. The work week is highly variable and includes Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays and two to three weekdays off. Daily work hours often extend beyond normal 8am-5pm work hours and is in all types of weather, from inclement to blue sky days, high heat to chill.

REQUIREMENTS: Applicants living in mid or southern coastal Maine or along the Rte 95 or Rte 295 corridors from Augusta southward are situated well for this work. Applicants should feel comfortable initiating conversation with the public and conducting work independently as part of a network of survey staff. Candidates must demonstrate strong oral and interpersonal skills; be reliable, positive, organized, communicative, alert, and easygoing with the public and other staff; have basic knowledge of field and survey techniques; exhibit attention to detail and accuracy; be able to identify and handle Gulf of Maine fish species; have proficient computer skills and experience working with online software applications; and have legible handwriting. Experience on offshore boats (not prone to seasickness) is preferred.

A background check is required before employment. Candidates must have an active non-conditional driver's license recognized as valid in the State of Maine and held such a license for at least one year; have a valid, clear, and safe driving record.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Please submit resume, cover letter, and three references to (open until filled): recruiter@tristatestaffing.com *subject line DMR MRIP Field Technician* or submit by mail to: Tri-State Staffing, Inc. Attn: Maine DMR- MRIP, PO Box 2182, Augusta, ME 04338-2182.

For questions about the job duties or application process please contact: Chris Uraneck, <u>chris.b.uraneck@maine.gov</u> or call or text at (207) 350-6040.