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CAREERS with the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission

Do you want to protect, conserve and enhance Pennsylvania's aquatic resources, and provide fishing and boating opportunities?

As you prepare to go back to school, think about your interests and what you may like to do for a job one day. If you like being outdoors and going fishing

and boating, you may want to work for the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC).

The PFBC offers many different types of jobs. There are more than 350 full-time employees and more than 50 seasonal and part-time employees including secretaries, mechanics, educators, biologists and other jobs. Staff work in headquarters offices, region offices, hatcheries and other locations throughout the state. Maybe one day you could be working for PFBC!



Protect Our Aquatic Resources with Law Enforcement



21st Waterways Conservation Officer class



Waterways Conservation Officers (WCOs) are trained at the H.R. Stackhouse School of Fishery Conservation and Watercraft Safety in Bellefonte.

The training lasts about a year and includes working in the field with other WCOs.

Deputy Waterways Conservation Officers (DWCOs) are volunteers who work with WCOs to perform specialized law enforcement duties.



- Officers are often on the water, making sure boaters and anglers are following all rules and regulations.
- Officers make sure that stocked fish make it safely to the waterways in the spring.
- Officers check ice anglers on frozen lakes.
- Officers investigate pollution and poaching.
- Some officers are on the Swift Water Emergency Response Team (SWERT).
- Some officers are also on the Pennsylvania Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team (PA-HART).



For more information:
www.fishandboat.com/Regulations/Enforcement

Conserve and Manage Aquatic Resources with Fisheries

If you love fish and science, a job working with fish may be for you. There are different types of jobs at PFBC which study fish.

- Fisheries Managers and Fisheries Biologists study fish in Pennsylvania's waterways. Fisheries staff share their reports on PFBC's website at www.fishandboat.com/Fish/Fisheries. Their reports help anglers find different types of fish. Reports also help hatchery staff plan where to stock fish the following year.
- Fisheries Technicians help biologists by conducting fisheries surveys and testing water quality.
- Fisheries Biologist Aides are usually students who help biologists.
- Habitat Management staff work to make the habitat in waterways and lakes better for fish in Pennsylvania.



Fisheries Managers and Fisheries Biologists



Fisheries Technicians



Fisheries Biologist Aides



Habitat Management

For more information:
www.fishandboat.com/Fish/Fisheries

Enhance Recreational Fishing with Hatcheries

There are other types of jobs at PFBC that work with fish. A Hatchery Manager and a Fish Culturist both work at a State Fish

- Hatchery workers help raise and hatch fish eggs.
- Hatchery workers feed the fish from a special feeding truck.



Hatchery staff stock fish.

Hatchery. They raise fish which are stocked in waterways for each fishing season. You can visit a State Fish Hatchery for free.

- When fish are ready to be stocked, hatchery workers deliver the fish to Pennsylvania waterways.
- Hatchery workers help take care of the hatchery and keep it running.



Hatchery staff sort fish.

For more information:
www.fishandboat.com/Fish/Stocking/StateFishHatcheries

Other PFBC Jobs which Protect the Environment



If you enjoy amphibians and reptiles, you may want to work in the Division of Environmental Services (DES).

They track information on endangered, threatened and rare species and improve populations of native species in Pennsylvania. The DES also reviews mining, development, highway, natural gas drilling projects and investigates pollutions.

For more information:
www.fishandboat.com/Resource/EnvironmentalServices

Improve Fishing and Boating Opportunities with **Engineering and Property Services**

Engineering and Property Services employees work year-round to maintain

fishing and boating access and opportunities at many PFBC properties across the state.



Centre Region Office



Construction equipment



Children's Lake, Cumberland County

- Engineering and Property Services employees maintain boat accesses and PFBC buildings.
- Construction crews travel all over Pennsylvania to work on projects. A recent example is the renovation of our new Centre Region Office building.
- Equipment operators drive construction equipment to job sites and run it. Operators also help repair the equipment.
- Engineers design plans to fix dams that are old or damaged, like the one at Children's Lake, Cumberland County.

For more information:
www.fishandboat.com/AboutUs/AgencyOverview

Provide Fishing and Boating Opportunities with Outreach, Education and Marketing

Do you enjoy fishing and boating? Outreach, Education and Marketing may be for you.

- Aquatic Resources Program Specialists are managers. They supervise other staff in their regions and design programs and events to get more people fishing and boating in Pennsylvania.
- Environmental Education Specialists teach people to fish. During warmer weather, they teach paddling classes. In the winter, they set up informational booths at events and write *PLAY* issues like this one. They also use social media and the PFBC website to inform and educate the public.
- Environmental Interpretive Technicians work during the busy seasons. They maintain educational programs which teach people to fish and boat.



For more information:
www.fishandboat.com/AboutUs/Pages/MediaResources.aspx

PFBC Career Opportunities Word Search

Now that you have learned about some of the jobs that PFBC has to offer, see if you can find the career opportunities words from the word list in the box below.

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Word List

- BIOLOGIST
- CONSERVE
- CULTURIST
- HATCHERY
- EDUCATE
- ENGINEER
- ENHANCE
- FISHERIES
- OFFICER
- PROTECT
- REGULATIONS
- TECHNICIAN

(*Hint: Some words may appear backwards.*)

*Dedicated to the Memory of
 Commissioner Enoch S. "Inky" Moore Jr.*

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Answer Key