FISHERIES/WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST II – Position# K0239193

If you’re looking for a rewarding career, working alongside dedicated colleagues who share your conservation values and love of outdoor recreation, you’ll feel right at home with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP). As a member of the KDWP team, you’ll work together to conserve Kansas wildlife and its habitats, while also ensuring our citizens enjoy and appreciate the state’s diverse natural resources. KDWP offers competitive pay; paid sick, vacation, maternity and paternity leave; and first day health insurance and retirement benefits.

We welcome diversity because a diverse workforce makes us stronger. Please take a moment to read the job announcement below and consider the possibilities.

This unclassified, full-time position is located in the Fisheries Division, Kansas City District Office; and is directly supervised by Lucas Kowalewski, Fisheries Regional Supervisor.

The position has district fisheries management and conservation responsibilities for Johnson, Miami, and Wyandotte Counties. Major public waters include Hillsdale Reservoir, Miami and Middle Creek State Fishing Lakes, 39 Community Fisheries Assistance Program (CFAP) impoundments with over 750 acres of water, and the portions of the Kansas and Missouri rivers. Work involves coordinating fisheries programs and projects, urban catfish stockings; conducting fish population surveys; supervision of seasonal employees; providing technical services to private landowners and local governing units; coordination and oversight of the cooperators in CFAP in assigned district; administering the Walk In Fishing Access (WIFA) program in assigned district; coordinating information/education efforts with constituents, other divisions and local media; conducting aquatic education programs for the Kansas public; preparing documents, submitting fisheries data, reports, and fisheries management plans implementation; assisting other divisions and various state and federal agencies with environmental issues; investigating fish kills; updating web based information; R3 coordination in the district; and special projects, as assigned.

The position is expected to use and disseminate scientific information for projects in the region and is encouraged to attend natural resource and scientific meetings. There is excellent potential for cooperation with several agency divisions in the region including law enforcement, public lands, and the wildlife division, among others. The position can expect a healthy mix of field work, office duties, and travel to accomplish duties.

BENEFITS: Beginning hourly salary, $26.30/hour; immediate group health and life insurance coverage; retirement; optional deferred compensation, dental and vision options; holidays; and sick, vacation, and parental leave.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor's degree in fisheries science/management. Experience may be substituted for the required education as determined relevant by the agency. Candidates with one year or more of field experience and/or master's degree will be given preference. The successful candidate must pass a background check and possess and maintain a valid driver's license.

HOW TO APPLY: Go to the State Employment Center at https://admin.ks.gov/services/state-employment-center and follow the directions below:
Click in the middle under the Sunflower. From there either Sign into your existing account or Register for a new account.

Review and complete your contact information on the My Contact Information page. Please make sure to include your email address.

Upload documents listed in the Required Documents section of this job posting to the appropriate location.

Complete and Submit your application.

Check your email and My Job Notifications for written communications from the Recruiter.
  - Email - the email listed on the Careers>My Contact Information page.
  - Notifications - view the Careers>My Job Notifications page

The following are the required items to apply:

1) a letter of interest
2) a detailed resume; including a valid e-mail address
3) transcript material, if applicable, (copies of official transcripts or unofficial student copies are acceptable as long as degree is conferred)
4) employment application – this is generated from the information which is input into the system
5) an Authorization to Release Information form** (this can be found at the following website):  

**Please note, this form must either be witnessed and signed by a Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism employee or signed in front of and notarized by a notary public. We reserve the right to conduct a background check on all qualified applicants.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. A complete application packet must be submitted for each position. We no longer make copies of previous applications. Submitted application materials will be reviewed in Pratt to assure that the position minimum requirements are met, and those meeting the minimum requirements will be forwarded to the respective division for interview selection.

Applicants are notified whether or not they are selected to interview. The interview is generally a one-time, panel interview consisting of position-specific questions for all applicants (same questions for each applicant), with the selection being made after all candidate interviews are completed.

Veterans’ Preference Eligible (VPE): Former military personnel or their spouse that have been verified as a “veteran” under K.S.A. 73-201 will receive an interview if they meet the minimum requirements of the position. The veterans’ preference laws do not guarantee the veteran a job. Positions are filled with the best qualified candidate as determined by the appointing authority. Additional VPE information can be found at https://admin.ks.gov/services/state-employment-center/veterans. Applicants claiming veterans’ preference for the first time must mail a copy of your DD-214 to the Office of Personnel Services, 900 SW Jackson, Room 401-N, Topeka KS 66612, or FAX to 785/291-3715.

DEADLINE TO APPLY – January 13, 2022

The State of Kansas is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We value diversity, equity, and inclusion as essential elements that create and foster a welcoming workplace. All qualified persons will be considered for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, political affiliation, disability or any other factor unrelated to the essential functions of the job.

If you wish to identify yourself as a qualified person with a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act and would like to request an accommodation, please address the request to the recruiter.