



Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Wildlife Internship Network

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Division: Bureau of Wildlife Resources

Position: Hatcheries Intern

Work Locations:

Wytheville Fish Cultural Station (2 positions available)

Coursey Springs Fish Cultural Station (2 positions available)

Time Period: Winter, Spring, Summer

DGIF MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries is to manage Virginia's wildlife and inland fish to maintain optimum populations of all species to serve the needs of the Commonwealth; to provide opportunity for all who enjoy wildlife, inland fish, boating, and related outdoor recreation; to promote safety for persons and property in connection with boating, hunting and fishing.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

These hatcheries produce trout that are stocked into Virginia's waters to provide or enhance fishing opportunities. Interns will assist with daily operations at the hatchery. Duties may vary slightly depending upon specific hatchery, but may include:

Assist in daily hatchery operations.

- Feeding fish, sorting, grading and loading stocking trucks
- Assisting technicians in stocking delivering fish
- Maintaining equipment, cleaning tanks, grounds and facilities
- Repairing nets and tools
- Water chemistry analysis; wastewater treatment and maintenance of large filters and plumbing systems
- Conducting visitor tours
- Will operate hand tools, small power tools, lawn mowers, tractors, and pickup trucks
- Providing assistance to other Wildlife and Fisheries personnel as needed. (e.g., fish sampling, wildlife research, habitat enhancement, boating access maintenance)
- Participation in fish nutrition, health, stocking and spawning on seasonal basis

Work schedule (days and hours) will be determined by the supervisor and student.