

Application for Sea Grant Watercraft Inspector – 2019

Description of Work

Watercraft inspectors travel to boat ramps in the Great Lakes coast to teach boaters and anglers how to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. Work occurs with minimal supervision and involves working with the public on a one-on-one basis. In addition to conversing with boaters, watercraft inspectors issue informational brochures and other educational materials. Work occurs mostly on weekends and holidays, but can occur on weekdays. The watercraft inspector is responsible for accurately completing daily data sheets and submitting the review and compilation. Inspectors provide their own transportation.

Wisconsin Sea Grant Advisory Services hires inspectors to work from late May to early September. Inspectors work three weekends a month and on holidays. Work generally occurs on Friday afternoon and all day on Saturday and Sunday for a total of about 20hrs/week. A limited number of hours may take place during the week. Inspections take place at boat landings and fishing tournaments. The primary duties are the dissemination of information to anglers and recreational boaters (i.e. watch cards, pamphlets, brochures) so they are made aware of what the various invasive species look like and what precautions they should take to avoid spreading them. The effort will also involve visual inspection of boats to make sure they are clean and instructing boaters on how to properly clean their boats, trailers and boating equipment.

Inspectors must enter hours and data into the DNR database on a weekly basis, submit hours to UW-Madison on a weekly basis, and submit completed data sheets to the Madison office on a monthly basis. All inspectors will be required to participate in a training session and periodic conference calls during to ensure consistency in boat inspections, cleaning procedures and reporting out on the data.

Watercraft inspectors will be jointly supervised by a Sea Grant aquatic invasive species specialist and a DNR aquatic invasive species law enforcement specialist.

Locations

Inspections will occur at boat landings on Lake Michigan, Green Bay and the Fox River, Lake Superior, and inland lakes as needed. Sea Grant is recruiting for two inspectors – one that covers Lake Superior and the other that covers Lake Michigan from Port Washington to Door County.

Hours and Pay Rate

20 hours/week. Watercraft Inspectors are paid \$12.00 - \$15.00 / hr for time at the ramp and the current state mileage rate (\$0.58 / mile) for distance traveled to and from the ramps or rental car provided. Time sheets are submitted every two weeks. Travel reimbursement report submitted every month.

To Apply

Email a resume and the completed application to Tim Campbell (tim.campbell@wisc.edu) with “WISG Inspector Application” in the subject line.

Questions? Contact Tim Campbell: 608-265-3727 or Tim.Campbell@wisc.edu

Deadline: Until filled; submit by 11:59 pm on 3/8/19 to ensure consideration.

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Name _____

Address for summer _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Why do you want to be a Sea Grant watercraft inspector?

When are you available to start? _____

What is the last date you will be able to work? _____

Do you have reliable transportation? _____ (*Access to vehicle is required*)

As a Sea Grant Watercraft Inspector you are expected to:

- Abide by the work schedule
- Pre-arrange time off
- Inform the Sea Grant and DNR coordinator when you are ill or unable to work
- Submit weekly time sheets promptly
- Submit travel vouchers monthly
- Submit data to the DNR database weekly
- Complete the data sheets accurately, completely and truthfully
- Turn in completed data sheets at least monthly
- Return data sheets and unused supplies within 10 days after you finish working

Failure to comply with the requirements listed above may result in delay of paycheck or reimbursement for travel and mileage or termination of employment.

Please provide the name and contact information (phone and email) for two references:

Please Indicate:

Cumulative GPA: Undergrad _____ Grad _____