



Position: Atlantic Conservation Director

Location: Remote

Salary Range: \$25-\$40/hour

Deadline to Apply: March 31, 2024

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Wild Oceans is looking for an Atlantic Conservation Director passionate about marine fish conservation to lead our Atlantic Ocean work. The Director will ensure Wild Oceans' work advances our mission to keep the oceans wild to achieve a vibrant future for fishing by building coalitions and engaging in marine fisheries management using science, law, and ecosystem-based solutions. The work primarily focuses on the precautionary management of Atlantic forage fish. It includes a broad spectrum of activities ranging from reviewing stock assessments to drafting comment letters to providing public comment at stakeholder meetings. This will require advocacy work at the New England and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Councils and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission liaising with policy makers and key stakeholders. Ideally, candidates should have an understanding of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, experience in advocacy and communications and be independent and resourceful.

Main Responsibilities:

Monitoring and Research:

- Monitor the activities of the Atlantic fishery management Councils. Proactively identify gaps in forage fish conservation and opportunities to advance ecosystem-based fisheries management.
- Responsible for the development and implementation of strategies and tactics for Atlantic marine fish conservation campaigns.
- Conduct thoughtful research around specific policy issues, draft position papers and reports, and collaborate in the preparation of communication products and actions.
- Identify, research and advance forage fish conservation measures, particularly river herring and shad.

Maintaining and Building Partnerships:

- Develop and maintain strong relationships with key stakeholders and partners.
- Engage with decision-makers, scientists and stakeholders and actively participate in key policy events to defend and advance Wild Oceans campaign goals.
- Represent Wild Oceans in meetings with Council members and Council staff, decision-makers, other non-profit organizations, stakeholders, media, donors, and the public.

Communications:

- Develop fact sheets, blogs, and other materials on Wild Oceans marine fish conservation priorities.
- Liaise with media and act as Wild Oceans spokesperson for the Atlantic marine fish conservation campaign.
- Draft campaign proposals for public or private donors.
- Report periodically (verbally and in writing) on campaign progress for both internal and external purposes.
- Collaborate with Wild Oceans staff on projects that help execute Wild Oceans goals and objectives.

Preferred Candidate Requirements:

- Degree in marine science, marine policy, law, environmental conservation, or a related field.
- Experience in policy, lobbying, and/or advocacy.
- Working knowledge of fisheries policies with the ability to analyze proposals, provide science-based recommendations, and communicate with decision-makers.
- Familiarity with US fisheries and environmental regulations and policies, as well as the decision-making process.
- Strong analytical skills with the ability to collect, organize, analyze, and disseminate significant amounts of information with attention to detail and accuracy.
- Prioritizing skills with the ability to manage multiple tasks, projects, and timelines.
- Experience working collaboratively with diverse groups and building trust in these settings.
- Possess excellent oral and written communication skills.