

**CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
ASSISTANT CONSULTANT
JOINT COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE
(SACRAMENTO, CA / POSSIBLE DISTRICT OFFICE)**

Are you looking for an exciting and fast-paced career that is actively working on critical legislation to improve California, address issues in our communities and to meet the needs of all Californians? Consider the California State Senate and be part of an organization that serves to strengthen the State through dedicated service to all. We are looking for enthusiastic and motivated individuals to join our team. If you are interested in a challenging opportunity in a high-energy, team-oriented environment, you are encouraged to apply.

BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Assistant Consultant is the primary coordinator of and point of contact for this unique legislative body. Responsibilities include: execute all administrative and statutory requirements and functions of the Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture; regular engagement with stakeholders, local government leaders and agency staff; track fisheries and aquaculture issues, including management, conservation, and water/drought policy matters; perform the statutorily mandated functions of the Joint Committee; attend fisheries and aquaculture management and policy meetings & hearings; organize multiple policy hearings on fisheries and aquaculture issues annually, including the annual Zeke Grader Fisheries Forum; and assist with fishery and natural resource legislation as required.

DUTIES AND ATTRIBUTES:

The Assistant Consultant serves as the primary staff contact with fisheries and aquaculture stakeholders, fielding inquiries and gathering information on a wide variety of policy issues and subjects. The Assistant Consultant works closely with the Chair and staff to coordinate on policy and communications issues, working closely and in a team environment at times and completely independently in many circumstances. The Assistant Consultant is an active participant at multiple fisheries and aquaculture policy meetings.

Maintaining strong working relationships with members of the Committee and their staff, the fleet, fishery associations, conservation organization representatives, agency staff and serving as an issue expert on legislative process in many public policy venues is critically important. The Assistant Consultant takes a highly active role in the annual cycles of fisheries and aquaculture policy development at the Joint Committee, including organizing

policy hearings and working with the Chair to coordinate the development of the annual Fish Omnibus legislation.

POSITION QUALIFICATIONS:

Candidates should have experience and knowledge of the policy processes and statute governing California's fisheries, seafood, and aquaculture industries as well as the stakeholders and communities engaging in these issues. Candidates should have a thorough understanding of environmental and conservation policy as applied to marine and aquatic ecosystems. A successful candidate will have extraordinary interpersonal skills and the capacity to work with a variety of constituencies, strong organizational skills and exceptional attention to detail, the ability to distill complex documents into easy-to-understand formats, and the ability to independently manage a broad portfolio and substantial workload while thriving under tight deadlines. A good, collaborative communicator is a must. Applicants should understand the state legislature and calendar.

If you are offered this position and are vaccinated, you will be required to submit a copy of your COVID vaccination card with your new hire paperwork.

EDUCATION:

A Bachelor's Degree and legislative experience are preferred.

LOCATION, SALARY AND FILING DATE:

This position can be located in Sacramento or one of Senator McGuire's district offices.

Salary starts at \$5,000 per month.

Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

SUBMIT RESUME AND SENATE EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION TO:

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