

**FISHERMEN AND SCIENTISTS RESEARCH SOCIETY**  
**FISHERIES TECHNICIAN**  
**Job Posting - Summer 2011**

**Job Description**

The Fisheries Technician's primary responsibilities will include participating in the FSRS Lobster Recruitment Project, Lobster Collector Project, V-Notching Project and Size at Maturity Study. The Technician will perform the following duties under the direction of the Research Biologist or Project Leader.

- Establish a network of fishing industry contacts, including fishermen, fish plant owners and fish plant workers, fishermen's associations, scientists working in fishing or fishery science related disciplines, teachers, etc.
- Act as liaison between fishermen and scientists.
- Participate in at-sea and shore-based sampling programs for crustaceans and other species under the direction of the FSRS Research Biologist. The sampling programs will include the completion of scientific data sheets, entering data into a computer based spreadsheet or database, and presentation of results to project participants and FSRS members by one-on-one meetings, group meetings, workshops and written reports, including articles in the FSRS newsletter.
- Participate in the Lobster Collector Project, including preparation and deployment of collectors.
- Participate in other industry/community driven lobster science projects, such as lobster tagging and larval tows.
- Lobster sampling will include measuring carapace length, determining sex, and taking observations on lobster health, maturity and presence of eggs.
- Participate in the development and implementation of other data collection projects, including identifying, training and supervising participants.
- Review FSRS members' data, provide remedial training as required to ensure high data quality, and enter members' data into a spreadsheet or database.
- Distribute and track distribution of scientific equipment to FSRS members, and maintain equipment.
- Support efforts to ensure effective communication between fishermen, FSRS staff, scientists, and the general public. This will include participating in the organization and implementation of workshops and local area meetings.
- Research and write articles for publication in the FSRS newsletter *Hook, Line and Thinker*.
- Increase effective communication of research results deriving from projects undertaken by the FSRS and its collaborators, including, DFO, universities, NGOs and fisheries groups.
- Other duties as assigned by the Research Biologist, General Manager or Project Leaders.

**Qualifications**

- Must have reliable vehicle and valid drivers licence.
- Must be willing to go out on fishing boats.
- Experience using databases/spreadsheets, in particular Access and Excel.
- Competency with Word.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Initiative and motivation.
- Able to work independently.
- Organized.
- Able to keep accurate and detailed documentation of work.
- Basic knowledge of fish biology.
- Knowledge or experience in sampling procedures.
- Familiarity with fisheries research and the fishing industry an asset.

## **Work Term Information**

Employer: Fishermen and Scientists Research Society

Number of Positions: Up to 5 positions depending on available funding.

Locations of Work: To be based from home; will require travel throughout Nova Scotia.

Area of coverage - Up to 3 positions will cover ports primarily along the Eastern Shore, with some travel to the Yarmouth area possible. Up to 2 positions will cover areas throughout Cape Breton.

Period of Work Term: April 18 – July 30, 2011 (proposed start and finish dates; subject to change depending on funding)

Hours of Work: 37.5 hours/week

Rate of Pay: \$450/week + 4% vacation pay

Travel Allowance: \$0.40/km

## **Application Process**

Send resume and cover letter with three references to:

Patty King, General Manager  
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Deadline: Applications must be received by 5:00 pm April 8, 2011