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Invasive Species Employment Opportunity

Below is summary information supporting two vacancy announcements and e-mail links for a full-time Biologist (Invasive Species, GS -401-11) working for the USFWS - Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office in Honolulu, Hawaii. The vacancy announcements (one for merit promotion and a second for open competition) will close on 15 September. This position will specialize on aquatic invasive species (30% time) issues in addition to broader, regional invasive species and disease issues (70% time).

Please forward this announcement to all who may be interested.

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This position serves as a Biologist in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office located in Honolulu Hawaii. The incumbent is responsible for issues related to the impacts of various invasive alien species and diseases on federal trust resources, including listed endangered and threatened species, in the Pacific Islands Ecoregion consisting of the State of Hawaii, Territories of Guam and American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and U.S. Pacific possessions such as Wake Atoll and U.S. affiliated Pacific Islands in the Republic of Palau, Republic of Marshall Islands, and Federated States of Micronesia. Interdiction, prevention, detection, control and eradication of invasive species such as the brown treesnake and invasive diseases such as ohia rust are among the most significant conservation challenges in the Pacific Islands Ecoregion.

The incumbent will provide expert advice and direction on invasive alien species and disease detection, interdiction, and control to prevent impacts to endangered and threatened species and other native species and communities. In conjunction with state and federal representatives, private experts, territorial and U.S. affiliated nation governments, and stakeholders, the incumbent will represent the Fish and Wildlife Service in developing invasive species and disease management and control projects, long-term action plans, research objectives, monitoring activities, and policies relating to invasive species and diseases in the Pacific Islands Ecoregion. This position will specialize on aquatic invasive species (30% time) issues in addition to broader, regional invasive species and disease issues (70% time).

Major duties include:

- Using knowledge of biological sciences and skills to implement and promote agency policies and positions on invasive alien species and diseases.
- Working with other international, federal, state, local, and other cooperators such as the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, state and regional Invasive Species Committees and interagency coordinating groups to review, plan, and implement aquatic species control actions, as well as broader regional invasive species and disease efforts.

- Working with and ensuring compliance of policies, rules, and regulations from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), The Endangered Species Act (ESA), the Lacey Act and other federal acts, policies and regulations regarding invasive species and disease management.
- Providing expertise on fish and wildlife requirements, environmental documentation, and project design and monitoring for invasive species and disease control.
- Coordinating interagency efforts aimed at prevention, interdiction, and control of invasive species and disease in the Pacific Ecoregion. This position will support efforts of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force and act as a Service Liaison to the State of Hawaii for implementation of the State Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan.

Developing and implementing critical research and monitoring of invasive alien species that includes diseases including those that have impacts on endangered and threatened species.

Relocation: Travel, transportation, and relocation expenses will not be paid by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Any moving expenses associated with reporting for duty in this position will be the responsibility of the selected employee.

Below are links to the announcements to the announcements:

Biologist (Invasive Species) DEU / Open Competition
http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=90276606&JobTitle=Biologist+(Invasive+Species)+DEU&q=374468&sort=rv%2c-dtex&cn=&rad_units=miles&brd=3876&pp=50&vw=b&re=134&FedEmp=Y&FedPub=Y&caller=advanced.aspx&AVSDM=2010-08-25+00%3a03%3a00

Biologist (Invasive Species) Merit Promotion
http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=90092205&JobTitle=Biologist+(Invasive+Species)+MPP&q=374468&sort=rv%2c-dtex&cn=&rad_units=miles&brd=3876&pp=50&vw=b&re=134&FedEmp=Y&FedPub=Y&caller=advanced.aspx&AVSDM=2010-08-25+00%3a03%3a00