

Alaska SeaLife Center
JOB DESCRIPTION

Position: Chief Scientist

Date: 03/09

Classification: Regular, Exempt

Reports To: President and CEO

Department: Science

Supervises: TBD

Summary:

This position will be responsible for overall Alaska SeaLife Center scientific leadership, reporting to the President and CEO.

Education/Training Requirements:

Ph.D. degree in ecology, zoology, wildlife or conservation biology, marine science, oceanography, fisheries, engineering or a related field, and 10 years experience in field or laboratory marine research, including project budgeting and management, with 7 years at a supervisory level preferred.

Primary Responsibilities:

1. Lead in the development and coordination of research at the Center and generate funding and partnerships for research.
2. Provide catalytic leadership to all scientific programs and staff even when there is no supervisory relationship.
3. Make recommendations to the Center's President and CEO, the Scientific Advisory Committee, and the Board of Directors regarding overall scientific direction and opportunities for enhancing the Center's scientific program.
4. Provide scientific oversight of all research/science conducted at the Center, with a focus on the applicability of research to conservation issues and the quality of science.
5. Play a key mentorship role to all scientific staff, especially PIs.
6. Serve as the external scientific lead, promoting the scientific program at the Center.
7. Establish, develop and manage the scientific partnerships and agency relationships of the Center, particularly with our leading science partners, the University of Alaska, NOAA, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and science clients such as State and local governments, native corporations, private sector businesses and non-profit conservation and organizations.

8. Develop a personal research program at the Center; however, this program must complement overall leadership and mentorship responsibilities.
9. Provide scientific guidance to the Education and Visitor programs at the Center, as requested.
10. Upon request from the EVOS Trustee Council, contribute to annual work plans of the EVOS-TC. Direct research in a manner that supports the EVOS-TC restoration mission.
11. Foster good relations with visitors, volunteers, community leaders, contractors, and fellow staff members by promoting positive attitudes, good will, cooperation, and providing high standards of service.
12. Comply with all Alaska SeaLife Center policies, procedures, and programs.
13. Perform other related duties as assigned.

Other Skills and Abilities:

Ability to speak and write effectively and be comfortable meeting new people and interfacing with diverse interests. Ability to be organized and self-motivated.

Physical Requirements:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by the employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this position. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Ability to see and hear; stand and walk; stoop, kneel, and crouch; use arms and hands; handle objects, tools, and controls; and sit. Ability to lift and move 20 pounds.