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POSITION DESCRIPTION

Opening posted July 23; applications due August 19, 2020

The Alaska Harmful Algal Bloom (AHAB) Network

AHAB was formed in 2017 to provide a statewide approach to harmful algal bloom (HAB) awareness, research, monitoring, and response in Alaska. AHAB coordinates a diverse group of coastal stakeholders to address human and wildlife health risks from toxic algal blooms. The objectives of the network are to reduce health risks to humans from HABs, identify information needs, data gaps, and emerging HAB threats, expand and enhance statewide HAB, wildlife and shellfish monitoring, improve effectiveness of and coordination for HAB event response, develop HAB event forecasting capabilities, improve HAB education and outreach to coastal Alaskans, unify and build on existing regional HAB networks in Alaska, and facilitate a safe supply of seafood.

Network Coordinator

This full-time position will involve working with AHAB partners from around the state to expand and strengthen HABS research, monitoring, coordination and outreach. Funding is guaranteed for one year, but the intent is to make this a permanent position depending on funding and interest. The position is expected to be located in a central location such as the Anchorage AOOS office because of the need for extensive stakeholder engagement and travel. Due to the coronavirus pandemic and reduced travel at this time, this requirement might be open to negotiation.

Responsibilities

Responsibilities include the following:

- Finalizing the AHAB Network Action Plan and facilitating the development of a statewide HAB monitoring strategy, and in particular an action plan for the Arctic
- Coordinating AHAB working groups
- Coordinating and facilitating AHAB calls and workshops
- Providing support to regional monitoring and event response efforts
- Assisting with knowledge transfer between regional programs
- Supporting investigators to ensure consistent data management
- Maintaining the AHAB website and working with regional partners to develop education and outreach materials

- Representing AHAB at meetings and presenting about HABS to audiences across the state
- Proposal writing

Requirements

- Master's degree in science or environmental field.
- Minimum 2 years relevant experience, especially working in Alaska and/or with HABS
- Highly self-motivated and able to work independently.
- Excellent written and oral communication and presentation skills, including an ease in communicating complex concepts in a clear, effective manner for a general audience.
- Strong interpersonal skills, including the ability to facilitate groups with diverse opinions.
- Experience in writing proposals.
- Proficiency in Windows, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. High level of internet and email competency.

Compensation

We offer a competitive salary and excellent benefits package through the Alaska SeaLife Center, the AOOS fiscal agent.

Travel

There will be some travel associated with this position (3-4 weeks/year), mostly in Alaska, if COVID risk declines and travel is deemed safe.

To apply

Please submit letter of interest, resume, and 3 references to Darcy Dugan, Alaska Ocean Observing System, dugan@aoos.org by COB Aug 19, 2020. For questions about this position, please contact either Darcy Dugan or Molly McCammon (mccammon@aoos.org).

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