

WILDLIFE RESOURCES DIVISION

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HELLBENDER CONSERVATION SEASONAL POSITIONS

Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Division

The Wildlife Conservation Section is offering two (2) seasonal positions for the summer of 2025. These positions will function as survey crew members within current survey and monitoring efforts for the eastern hellbender (*Cryptobranchus a. alleganiensis*) in Georgia. Work will include taking an active role within the survey for adult, juvenile, and larval hellbenders, measurement of individual hellbender morphometrics, and measurement of habitat variables within various streams of northern Georgia. Work may also include active wetland habitat management using hand tools and could also include conservation activities for other herpetofauna throughout Georgia. Applicants must be willing to work in a team of two for long days (> 10 hours) under physically challenging conditions (e.g., hot days, snorkeling in cold mountain streams for long periods), and daily travel of up to 150 miles on mountain and back roads where 4 wheeled drive is sometimes required. Travel to study sites will be by state vehicle. Lodging will offer only basic amenities and could include the overnight stay in check stations (or possibly camping). Individuals with an interest in imperiled amphibian and reptile species conservation and management are encouraged to apply.

Minimum Qualifications: Applicants must have a valid class C driver's license. In addition to experience working in challenging field conditions and using hand tools; applicants should have a working knowledge of standard computer software (e.g., Word, Excel) and at least one college-level course in ecology, wildlife biology, or a related field.

Preferred Qualifications: Preference will be given to individuals that have experience with herpetofaunal capture, marking, and ID techniques, use of GPS, and/or working with imperiled species (especially salamanders).

Duration:

June 15th through August 15th. \leq 40 hours/week for up to 24 weeks.

Salary: \$14.49 per hour.

How to apply: E-mail a cover letter, resume, and contact information for 2 references to: Thomas.Floyd@dnr.ga.gov Questions should be addressed to Thomas Floyd at this same e-mail.

Deadline: Application must be received by May 10th The Georgia Department of Natural Resources is an equal-opportunity employer