



## Position Announcement

**Position Title:** Lead Aquaculture Technician

**Job Classification:** Full time; \$13-15/hour plus benefits

**Location:** Carlsbad, CA

**Job Summary:** Assist Project leaders in successfully rearing, tagging and releasing marine fish into the ocean. The Lead Technician assists with all aspects of fish culture, generally with an emphasis in one or more key production areas (e.g. larval rearing, live feeds, etc.). Fish caretaking occurs daily year-round, so the ability to work weekends is required.

### Primary Duties:

1. Husbandry. Support the spawning of brood fish, and production of larval and juvenile marine fish, including required feed production and allocation, fish health and water quality assessments. Assist in all other aspects of fish husbandry as needed.
2. Safety and Biosecurity. Help to ensure that all safety and biosecurity measures are being complied with and help in the development of new and improved procedures as appropriate.
3. Management. Coordinate scheduling with other managers in order to provide efficient and thorough labor across all production areas. Assist in the training of technical staff and volunteers.
4. Inventory tracking. As directed, maintain a current inventory of supplies and ensure that feed and feed supplies are stocked in a manner that promotes maximum freshness and quality.
5. System Design and Maintenance. Ensure that fish life support systems are fully operational at all times so that SOPs can be followed precisely. Assist in the maintenance of all rearing and life support systems and equipment. Identify and report problems as they occur.
6. Record Keeping and Reporting. Document all procedures and keep neat and accurate records of all husbandry activities; develop and update written protocols; assist with reporting needs as appropriate.
7. Other. Participate in the 24hr seawater monitoring program on an on-call rotational schedule.

### Qualifications / Physical Requirements and Working Conditions:

- College level degree in related aquaculture field.
- Previously in a hired position in an aquaculture facility or aquarium with demonstrated experience and responsibility for fish husbandry and system oversight and maintenance.
- Physical ability to team lift and carry up to 50lbs.

- Hardworking individual with the ability to work both independently and as part of a team.
  - Vision to read printed materials and a computer screen; hearing and speech to communicate effectively in person and over the telephone.
  - Daily activities will vary seasonally but will include both outdoor (hatchery raceways and grounds) and indoor (hatchery building and office/computer work) environments.
  - Ability to work weekends
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**How to apply:** Please send a completed application and resume in either Word or text format to [hr@hswri.org](mailto:hr@hswri.org).

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