

Inwater Research Group, Inc.

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

Inwater Research Group, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Jensen Beach, Florida whose mission is foster marine and coastal conservation through integrated research and education.

Title

Environmental Observer

Location

St. Lucie County, Florida

Period

Full-time Hourly Position, start date 05/01/23

Job Summary:

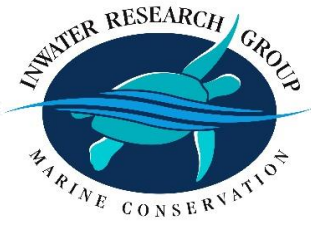
The Environmental Observer position is a full-time, hourly position responsible for monitoring large marine megafauna at the St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant. Additional duties may include supporting the IRG team in various other research and sea turtle removal activities at the St. Lucie Power Plant Intake Canal project (more information about this project can be found here <https://www.inwater.org/portfolio-items/st-lucie-power-plant/>).

Key Responsibilities:

- Identify the presence of marine megafauna using the naked eye and visual technology during second shift hours (typically 2:00pm-10:00pm, with occasional needs to come in earlier or stay later)
- Follow protocols and search methods for sighting protected species
- Wherever necessary, implement required mitigation measures to avoid interference or negative impacts to protected species
- Document data in an organized manner

Other duties could include but are not limited to:

- Assist with the data collection from captured sea turtles, complete with measurements, tags, and health assessments before release
- Assist with the capture, tagging, and removal of other species such as goliath grouper, sharks, rays, etc.
- As needed, assists with stranding and recovery of sick, injured, or deceased sea turtles
- Assist with data input, management, and QA/QC
- Review video footage for animal behavior studies
- Monitor controlled trials (includes daytime and nighttime trials) for sea turtle research
- Maintenance, cleaning, and water quality monitoring of holding tanks



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Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree or higher in a biology field is required
- Must be able to swim
- Must be able to work independently without daily direct supervision, especially at night
- Must be a team player and a good communicator
- Must be able to lift 50lbs and assist moving animals exceeding 100lbs
- Must be safety conscious
- Must be able to work a flexible schedule, including weekends and holidays
- Must have a valid driver's license
- Experience handling live, healthy sea turtles is desired
- Experience handling large marine animals (sharks, goliath groupers, rays, etc.) is desired
- Flexibility for odd, unexpected, and long working hours and ability to work outdoors in extreme conditions (inclement weather, heat, humidity, insects, etc.)
- We are a small non-profit, where a diversity of skills (grant seeking/writing, statistical analysis, fundraising, website management, etc.) is favored
- Open to US citizens and/or international citizens with appropriate visas/paperwork prior to hiring

Compensation

This is a full-time, hourly position, beginning at \$17.75/hour, with the possibility for overtime.

Benefits:

After the initial introductory period is met, the position will be eligible for paid holidays, accrued paid sick and vacation time, and a company partially matched SIMPLE IRA.

How to Apply:

Please submit a cover letter, resume/CV, and three (3) references to Ryan Welsh (rwelsh@inwater.org).

Specify in the subject of the email what position (Title) you are applying for.

If applying for multiple positions, please send applications separately.

This position will remain open until filled.

Applicants lacking adequate experience or application materials will not be considered.