

# Inwater Research Group, Inc.

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**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**

Nesting Beach Technician

## **Location**

St. Lucie County, Florida

## **Period**

Full-time, Seasonal Position, Mid-April 2023 – End September 2023

## **Job Summary:**

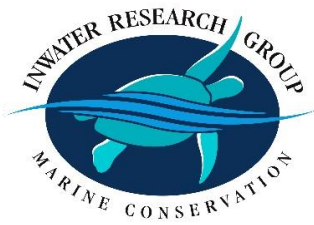
The nesting beach technician position is a full-time, seasonal position responsible for performing extensive sea turtle nest surveys in a project construction zone at the St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant. Check out our website (<https://www.inwater.org/portfolio-items/st-lucie-power-plant/>) for more information on the types of projects we are involved in.

## **Key Responsibilities:**

- Perform extensive morning sea turtle nest monitoring surveys
- Identify species (leatherback, loggerhead, and green) and determine nesting activity of all crawls encountered
- Verify, mark, observe, fate, and excavate all nests within the project construction zone
- Complete nesting survey and monitoring data entry and QA/QC
- Basic maintenance and upkeep of equipment used (ATVs, nest markers, etc.)

## **Other duties could include but are not limited to:**

- As needed, assists with stranding and recovery of sick, injured, or deceased sea turtles
- 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.



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## Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree or higher in a biology field is required
- Experience identifying nesting crawls for Loggerhead, Green, and Leatherback turtles is required
- Must be a team player and a good communicator
- Must be comfortable with lifting, pushing, and pulling heavy weights often exceeding 100lbs
- Must be able to swim
- Must be able to work independently without daily direct supervision
- Must be safety conscious
- Must be able to work a flexible schedule, including weekends and holidays
- Must have a valid driver's license
- Must have flexibility for odd, unexpected, and long working hours and ability to work outdoors in extreme conditions (inclement weather, heat, humidity, insects, etc.)
- Experience verifying, marking, and excavating Loggerhead, Green, and Leatherback turtle nests to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission INBS standards is highly desired
- Experience working on medium to high-density sea turtle nesting beaches (~800 crawls/km in a season) is desired
- Experience using ATVs is desired
- Open to US citizens and/or international citizens with appropriate visas/paperwork prior to hiring

## Benefits/Costs:

Pay will be \$15 an hour with opportunities for overtime. Housing is not provided but a housing reimbursement (\$250 a month) will be provided.

## How to Apply:

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