

Legislative Program Manager - Aquaculture *

Location: Washington, DC

The Legislative Program Manager for Aquaculture works with Ocean Conservancy staff, including the Aquaculture Director and Aquaculture Policy Analyst, to support the organization's science-based legislative advocacy efforts related to aquaculture. This new position is part of a growing initiative within Ocean Conservancy dedicated to ensuring aquaculture develops in environmentally responsible ways. Specifically, the incumbent will work with a team of Ocean Conservancy scientists, attorneys, policy advocates, media and outreach staff to secure strong state and federal legislation to protect ocean ecosystems from the environmental risks of open-ocean aquaculture.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

Monitors, researches, and analyzes legislative and administrative developments on aquaculture policy through attendance at congressional hearings and markups, agency meetings, public hearings, press conferences, and professional meetings and conferences. Working closely with the Aquaculture Director, other Government Affairs staff and other program staff, develops, coordinates and implements strategies to advance Ocean Conservancy's legislative agenda for offshore aquaculture. Coordinates the development of OC legislative proposals by working with program staff to determine when new legislative authority is needed, draft testimony, legislation, and legislative amendments, and assist Congressional staff. Represents the organization to and maintains close contact with Members of Congress, their staff, and the Administration on legislative issues. Responds to requests for information and advocates for Ocean Conservancy's positions before Congress and federal administrative agencies. Works with Ocean Conservancy staff to prepare and edit articles, reports, action alerts, press releases, and other materials to educate members, activists, the media and the public and to identify and secure new sources of funding. Performs other duties as needed, including assisting with other Ocean Conservancy legislative priorities including improving ocean stewardship, protecting marine wildlife, conserving special places and restoring sustainable fisheries.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor's degree in environmental law, policy or political science with a minimum of 3-5 years experience working with Congress and the federal government on marine, environmental, or natural resource policy issues, including aquaculture. Excellent interpersonal, writing and communication skills. Ability to effectively communicate the substance of legally, scientifically and

politically complex legislative and technical issues to a range of audience. Must be able to work effectively with networks and/or coalitions and have a working knowledge of Microsoft office suites.

All qualified applicants may submit your resume, letter of interest & salary expectations to jobs@oceanconservancy.org . * Or* *send via the following:

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