Large Pelagic Fish Biology Analytical Assistant

The Large Pelagics Biology Group at the Southwest Fisheries Science Center is looking for a research assistant to help with ongoing studies on the biology of tunas, billfish and sharks. Current projects include fishery independent surveys, age and growth, feeding habits, migratory behavior, population dynamics and tagging studies. Successful candidates will work on contract at the Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) in La Jolla, CA.

The successful candidate will assist with data management and analysis to support electronic tagging studies on the migratory behaviors of large pelagic fish. The goal is to combine electronic tagging data on the movements of fish with oceanographic and fisheries data. A strong analytical background is necessary and some experience with ACCESS, R, Matlab, and/or ArcGIS preferred. A minimum of a bachelor’s degree in a quantitative science is required, and an advanced degree preferred.

This is a temporary contract position for 12 months with the possibility of continuation if funding is renewed. A postdoc opportunity may be an option. Salary will depend on experience but is expected to fall within the range of $35,000 - $50,000 annually. Additional pay will be provided for overtime hours and days spent at sea.

The position will remain open until a suitable candidate is selected.

Please send a letter of interest, resume and the names and contact information of three personal references to:

Suzy Kohin
Large Pelagics Biology Group
Southwest Fisheries Science Center
suzanne.kohin@noaa.gov