



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Rangeland, Wildlife
& Fisheries Management

Wildlife Research Technician: Field and Laboratory

Project: Economic assessment of losses to bird predation on Texas aquaculture farms

Location: College Station, TX and Fieldwork as Needed

Job Description: A wildlife research technician position is available in the Department of Rangeland, Wildlife, and Fisheries Management at Texas A&M University to assist in research to examine the distribution, abundance, and foraging patterns of fish-eating birds on aquaculture farms in the Matagorda Bay area of Texas. The technician will assist a graduate student in conducting surveys of fish-eating birds on farms in the area. Birds will be salvaged from control programs and under farmers depredation permits for diet analyses and bioenergetics modeling. This project will require overnight travel to conduct field research and work under adverse (cold, night, rainy etc.) weather conditions. The project will also have significant lab work conducting avian necropsies and diet analyses. This project is a cooperative effort among the Texas A&M University's Department of Rangeland, Wildlife, and Fisheries Management, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, and the USDA, Wildlife Services, National Wildlife Research Center-Mississippi Field Station.

Required Qualifications: B.S. in wildlife, fisheries, biology, or closely related natural resource field. Ability to collaborate and communicate effectively with team members. Ability to self-start and self-manage work and time commitments. Ability to lift 50 pounds. Ability to work under adverse field conditions (heat, cold, rain, etc.). Ability to operate a pickup truck.

Preferred Experience: Prior work in biological laboratory settings, especially conducting necropsies, including biosecurity protocols. Prior work in wildlife field data collection, bird surveys and the collection, sampling, and handling of carcasses. Experience operating offroad vehicles, and use of trailers.

Application: Submit by **June 15, 2023 in a single pdf document** a 1) cover letter stating your interests and career goals, 2) transcript(s) (unofficial copies are fine), 3) resume/CV, and 4) full contact information for 3 references to Dr. John M. Tomeček, Ph.D. at tomecek@tamu.edu.

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Starting Date: August 1, 2023

Performance Period: 24 Months

Salary: \$36,000/year with a generous benefits package, including health insurance.