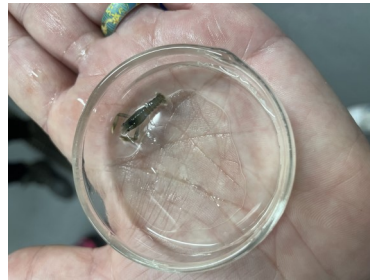




Seasonal Positions at the Maine State Aquarium

Aquarium Aide

The Dept. of Marine Resources' Maine State Aquarium is hiring for its June to September. Aides will reopen the Aquarium with new tanks, exhibits, and interactive displays. Positions are 32-40 hours a week, include weekends, and begin early June for training. Positions are hired through Tri-State Staffing Agency at \$17/hr with a minimum age of 18. Housing in Boothbay is available.



Aquarium Aides provide informative experiences and interactions for Aquarium visitors. They educate on a variety of topics, such as Aquarium exhibits, Dept. of Marine Resources research, Gulf of Maine ecosystem, climate change, and community science.

This includes:

- Daily set-up, closing, and cleaning procedures
- Provide talks within exhibit space, scheduled presentations, behind the scenes tours, outreach events, etc.
- Ensure animal welfare and public safety
- Answer visitor questions and facilitate positive visitor experiences
- Staff admissions desk and sell tickets
- Conduct tank maintenance, feed animals, maintain accurate logs, and observe animal behavior as needed
- Maintain clean, organized public areas including outside exhibits, restrooms, and grounds
- Communicate effectively with all DMR staff on campus
- Perform other duties as assigned

Aquarium Aide Qualifications

Education & Experience

- Associate or Bachelor degree, or working towards degree in biology, marine science, education, or related field preferred
- High school diploma or General Educational Development (GED) certificate accepted with prior experience in a similar position

Requirements

- Ability to give clear, concise, dynamic, positive public presentations through relevant public speaking experience
- Knowledge of animal behavior and procedures for the proper care and handling of animals
- Strong observation skills
- Comfortable with and able to handle aquarium specimens
- Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions
- Strong verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills
- Ability to work in dynamic, fast paced environment and make quick decisions concerning the safety of animals and people
- Demonstrate responsibility & self-initiative with minimal direction, and also ability to work in team setting
- Demonstration of positive customer service skills
- Must have valid driver's license and be able to provide a certified driving record, at applicant expense
- Requires long periods of standing, climbing ladders, repeated bending, stretching or reaching; work in rough, uneven, and wet terrain; exposure to cold temperatures; handling live specimens safely and respectfully
- Ability to represent DMR in professional manner
- Ability to perform other duties as assigned
- Some sales experience preferable

The Gulf of Maine Discovery Center includes the Maine State Aquarium and adjacent Learning Lab, a hands-on science classroom. The Education Division within the Department of Marine Resources manages the Center, as well as nearby Burnt Island with historic lighthouse. The Aquarium is located at 194 McKown Pt Rd, West Boothbay Harbor.



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HOW TO APPLY

Please submit a resume, cover letter, and two references by April 1 via email to:

recruiter@tristatestaffing.com with 'Aquarium Aide' in the Subject line

For questions regarding this position, please contact Education Division Director Dottie Yunger via email dottie.yunger@maine.gov