

The Massachusetts Ocean Partnership Fund Job Announcement - Science Program Manager

The Massachusetts Ocean Partnership Fund (MOPF) is seeking a Science Program Manager (SPM); the position will be based in Boston, Massachusetts.

MOPF Overview

The Massachusetts Ocean Partnership Fund (MOPF) is a newly established public-private partnership created to advance integrated multi-use ocean management in support of sustainable marine industries and ecosystem stewardship leading to resilient and productive ocean ecosystems in MA state waters. Initiated in 2006 with support from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, MOPF partners - including government decision makers, marine-dependent industry, scientists, and conservation and education organizations - developed a Five Year Strategic Plan to foster collaborative problem solving on ocean management issues and develop information, tools and processes to improve the integration of science with management decision making. MOPF partners are now implementing the Strategic Plan with funding through 2010. For more information, please visit our website at www.mopf.org.

Position Summary

As a member of MOPF's 4-6 staff team, the SPM will manage MOPF programs to improve integration of science with ocean management decision making by supporting partnership efforts to develop a statewide ocean data network, ecological and economic decision support tools and indicators of the ocean's capacity to provide ecosystem services. The position is funded through 2010 with extension possible.

Essential Job Functions

Manage science program implementation

- Work closely with Science Integration Advisory Group to guide implementation of science program.
- Manage subcontracting services to support implementation of MOPF's science program, including RFP development, consultant selection, and subcontract management.
- Convene and manage cross-sectoral Working Groups to advise specific projects.
- Participate in supervision of Program Associate and graduate students.
- Prepare and deliver presentations at relevant conferences.

Contribute to implementation of all MOPF programs/activities

- Assist Communications Manager to develop materials for partners, decision-makers, and the media.
- Assist the Executive Director as otherwise needed to carry out MOPF's objectives.

Qualifications

- Understanding of the challenges of integrating science with resource management decision-making; familiarity with current issues in marine ecosystem-based management preferred.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively convene, facilitate, motivate and manage multi-stakeholder groups.
- Advanced degree in a related natural or social science; 5-10 years relevant professional experience.
- Proven capabilities in complex project and contract management.
- Ability to organize and prioritize workload to meet demands in a fast-paced environment.
- Strong oral and written communication and analytical skills; supervisory skills preferred.
- Computer proficiency with word processing, e-mail, the Internet, spreadsheets and databases; familiarity with GIS and/or modeling platforms a plus.

Compensation

Compensation includes a competitive salary and a full employee benefits package.

To Apply:

Please submit a cover letter, resume and writing sample via e-mail no later than 5pm on **2/29/08** to: Stephanie Moura, Executive Director
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