

Please pass the following position announcement to those that you feel might be interested and qualified for this new Sea Grant/Marine Agent that will be based in Collier County (Naples, Florida). Office location will be at the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve facility. Information on how to apply can be found at the UF/IFAS Extension website:
<http://personnel.ifas.ufl.edu/howtoapply.htm>

Position # 0002-1837
Sea Grant/Marine Science Program Ext. Agent I, II, or III
Collier County (Southwest District) Naples, FL
Application Deadline: 10/15/05* or until the position is filled
Date Available: 12/01/05

The Sea Grant/Marine Science agent will plan, develop, implement and evaluate comprehensive marine and natural resource educational programs that focus on marine recreation fisheries, commercial fisheries, industries including boating, marinas, fishing retail stores, sport shops and other fishing-related businesses; artificial reefs for marine resource and water quality education for adults and youth audiences related to fishing and fishing habitats, as appropriate. The agent will conduct issue-based educational programs through workshops, conferences, publications and electronic media for various audiences that are associated with the recreational and commercial fishing sector, including fishing groups, marine and coastal resource users, marine management agencies, public and private organizations, youth groups and educational institutions.

The successful candidate will work with Sea Grant Extension faculty in surrounding counties and University of Florida specialists in planning and developing Extension education programs. Duties may also include regional fishery activities. The agent will develop and utilize a Sea Grant/Marine advisory committee. The agent will accept other duties as assigned or determined to be relevant to marine Extension education programs by the Collier County Extension Director or District Extension Director.

Collier County is located in Southwest Florida; the county seat and major city in the county is Naples. The county is one of the fastest growing counties in Florida. Collier County produces about 3% of the state's commercial marine landings and value, has 5.4% of the state's charter boats and 6.2% of the non-resident fishers statewide.

Bachelors Degree in Agricultural, Biological Science or related field is required. A Masters Degree in the area of fisheries, marine policy, coastal management, marine recreation, resource development, fisheries, aquaculture, marine biology, or resource economics is preferred. Extension programming experience in the fisheries area is also desired. Collier County requires a drug test prior to employment. Residency in Collier County is preferred.

This position is a collaborative partnership that involves the Collier County Board of Commissioners, Florida Sea Grant Program, University of Florida IFAS Extension, and Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

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