



Job Situation

A wide variety of environments. Travel is required, sometimes by canoe, snowmobile or horseback. Live and work in rural communities, sometimes in wilderness areas. Work unusual hours including weekends and holidays and overtime.

Weekly Hours of Work

37.5

Overtime

As required

Monthly Salary

\$3,500

Student Loan – Owing

\$9,000

Student Loan – Monthly Payment

\$200

Duties

Monitor hunters, trappers, and fishers. Enforce Provincial and Federal Laws. Investigate complaints and apprehend violators. Inspect commercial operations.

Prospects

Environment, Forestry, Biologist, Conservation Officer, park Warden, and Police Officer.

Job Title

Fish and Wildlife Officer

National Occupational Classification (NOC)

2224

Job Description

Fish and wildlife officers are the public face of the Natural Resources Department. They are there to enforce the various program requirements to protect the environment. Asking fisherman to show their catch, obtaining their collaboration and enforcing the law is never an easy thing to do but you always manage. You have a way with people that put them at ease but you still have that sense of authority. You see every day as a challenge to conquer and you have a lot of fun doing it.

Knowing the where, when and what is a big part of your job. You need to know the lay of the land, and where the fisher folks are likely to be. You need to plan your approach and how to handle the situation that is the most effective and most successful while not stepping on any toes. You are very respectful and thus in almost every circumstance you get the cooperation of others. Your schooling has really helped and your boss often sends you in to handle the really sticky situations knowing that you will be able to handle it.

The department boats are not always in top condition and you often have to do minor repairs otherwise you would be spending most of your time on land. Your manager is always thankful for you to go beyond your job duties and help out. You like to keep the boats running to keep you out on the water where you love it the most.

When you are not spending your time on the open water with the wind in your hair you are cooped up in your office filling in paper work. It isn't your favourite part of the job but you know it's necessary to keep you on the water. It's a small price to pay to keep you out doors.