



North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority JOB OUTLINE

Job Title: Senior Environmental and Scientific Officer

Post Number:

Responsible to: Deputy Chief Officer

Scale Point: 32-35

Overall Purpose of the Job:

To lead the Environmental and Scientific team in discharging the Authority's statutory responsibilities under the Conservation and Natural Habitats Regulations 2000, the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

Principal Accountabilities:

1. To lead the Environmental and Scientific team in discharging the Authority's statutory responsibilities under the Conservation and Natural Habitats Regulations 2000, the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 and any other relevant statute by attending meetings, compiling reports, carrying out research, etc as required by the Chief Officer and or Deputy Chief Officer. This may include working weekends and bank holidays depending on the requirements of the service.
2. To support the Chief Officer and Deputy Chief Officer in the development and implementation of organisational policies and procedures.
3. Oversee the review and response, as required, to any marine licensing and consent consultations.
4. To lead and oversee environmental surveys and monitoring projects relating to all aspects of the marine and estuarine environment including both quayside and offshore related activity.
5. To lead and oversee the collection, recording and interpretation of statistical data and evidence for reporting to the Authority in support of the delivery of all the functions of NEIFCA.
6. To keep updated on new developments within environmental research and to advise on the use of new technologies in order to optimise the management of the marine and estuarine environment.
7. To be familiar with best environmental practice and its application to the aims and objectives of the Authority and to be responsible for any such matters, reporting potential issues as appropriate to the Chief Officer and Deputy Chief Officer.
8. To support all the Authority's marine and estuarine survey functions including the commissioning, deployment, use and maintenance of all marine survey equipment.
9. To undertake enforcement duties throughout the Authority's area including boarding vessels at sea and on land and carrying out inspections of fishing catches, landings and fishing gear and gather all possible evidence of suspected breaches of regulations.
10. To take statements and submit written evidence to be considered by the Chief Officer for prosecution.
11. To attend Court as required.

12. To maintain a thorough knowledge of the Authority's Byelaws and national and EU Legislation.
13. To actively support the operation of the Authority's inshore RIB and achieve and maintain the required level of training and competence to safely administer such duties at sea.
14. The development of formal fisheries assessments to determine sustainability and meet obligations under MSFD.
15. Production of regulatory impact assessments (RIAs).
16. To represent the Chief Officer and or Deputy Chief Officer on any regional groups, external meetings and events including FLAG, TAG.
17. Lead on the development of commercial tenders, external survey contracts and/or grant submissions, and administer successful submissions.
18. To actively contribute and participate in the Authority's education and outreach programmes.
19. To undertake and support environmental surveys and monitoring projects relating to all aspects of the marine and estuarine environment to include both quayside and offshore activity.
20. To assist and support in the induction and training of new staff members.
21. Perform similar duties as required commensurate with the nature and grade of the role.

General Information:

1. The above principal accountabilities are not exhaustive and may vary without changing the character of the job or level of responsibility.
2. The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act, 1974 and other associated legislation places responsibilities for Health and Safety on all employees. Therefore it is the pos holder's responsibility to take reasonable care for Health and Safety and Welfare of him/herself and other employees in accordance with legislation.
3. The above duties may involve having access to information of a confidential nature which may be covered by the Data Protection Act, and by Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. The post holder must maintain strict confidentiality at all times relating to the handling and disclosure of all data and information held by the Authority.
4. The post holder must not make any reference to the Authority, it's members or it's member Authorities or anyone employed by the Authority on any social media site unless express permission has been granted by the Clerk or Chief Officer.

Postholder's Signature:

Date: