Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Program Watercraft Inspector



North St. Louis Soil & Water Conservation District, located in Virginia, MN, is seeking 35 Watercraft Inspectors Supervisors to perform watercraft inspections at boat launches in northern St. Louis County. The inspectors will inspect boats for AIS, educate the public about AIS, and perform watercraft decontaminations (Level 2 inspectors only). Flexible scheduling. Regular working hours include weekends and holidays. Apply to Always There Staffing (Hibbing) before April 22nd

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Watercraft Inspection & Decontamination Program

- Inspect watercraft entering and exiting lakes around northern St. Louis County
- Utilize tablets to conduct and record survey information
- Work with boaters to get watercraft in AIS compliance before launching or before leaving the boat launch
- Communicate with Inspector Supervisors and/or AIS Program Coordinator on any issues, success, or comments associated with the program.
- Attend enhanced inspector training sessions (optional)
- Conduct watercraft decontaminations using hot and/or high-pressure water (Level 2 inspectors only)

Public Education and Outreach

- Teach watercraft users how to self-inspect their watercraft
- Educate the public about AIS and issues associated with AIS
- Distribute provided information and promotional materials to watercraft users

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

- Obtain/renew appropriate Level 1 and Level 2 MN DNR Watercraft Inspector Certification
 Paid training provided
- Work independently with minimal supervision
- Willingness to work varying hours and in adverse weather conditions
- Provide dynamic customer service experience to boaters
- Effectively communicate with boaters, teammates, and supervision
- Maintain professional appearance and attitude during shifts
- Keep provided equipment clean and in good working order during the season

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- At least 18 years of age
- Valid Class D driver's license and reliable transportation
- Ability to complete Always There Staffing hiring requirements
- Ability to complete MNDNR & NSLSWCD Watercraft Inspector Training(s)
- Ability to travel to various water accesses around northern St. Louis County
- Must be willing to work outside in various weather
- Available to primarily work weekends and holidays

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DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Prior watercraft inspection and decontamination experience
- Enthusiasm for outdoor recreation and ecosystem health
- Prior education and/or customer service experience
- Knowledge of Minnesota AIS rules and ecological impacts of AIS

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

All Inspectors: Must be able to sit, stand, and walk for long periods of time. Must be able to bend/stoop, squat/crouch, climb, kneel, and twist. Must be able to work outside and around moving vehicles/equipment.

Level 2 Inspectors Only: Must be able to climb steps and move objects less than 50lbs. Must be able and willing to wear appropriate face/eye, hearing, and hand safety equipment.

SUPERVISION:

This position is under the supervision of the Always There Staffing (Hibbing) staff and the North St. Louis SWCD AIS Program Coordinator.

HOURS, WAGE & BENEFITS:

Temporary position

Starting at: \$16.00 per hour (Level 1 Inspector) - \$16.50 per hour (Level 2 Inspector) Flexible hours: 40hrs/week max (average 16-32 hrs/week) **Primarily weekends & Holidays!** College internship credits are available upon request.

HOW TO APPLY:

Watercraft Inspector Positions are hired through Always There Staffing (Hibbing)

Online: www.alwaystherestaffing.com (search Watercraft Inspector)

In-Person: Always There Staffing Office 3131 1st Ave. / Hibbing, MN Call: 218-440-1022

Applications Accepted March – May 2024 (Hurry, Positions can fill quickly!)

(application timeline and position availabilities may vary based on inspector application activity Check with Always There Staffing for position availabilities throughout 2024)