

## What does NOAA Fisheries do on the West Coast?

We work to protect and conserve marine life and their habitats in the Pacific Ocean, the Southern Ocean off Antarctica, and within the freshwater systems of Washington, Oregon, California, and Idaho. Our work stretches across more than 300,000 square miles of the California Current ecosystem, more than 7,000 miles of tidal coastline, and vast areas of rivers and estuaries.

We study, manage, and conserve salmon, groundfish, coastal pelagic fish such as anchovy and sardine, and highly migratory species such as billfish, sharks, and tunas. We also manage and conserve protected species such as Southern Resident killer whales, Pacific leatherback sea turtles, and the white abalone.

To learn more about our work, visit:  
[www.fisheries.noaa.gov/region/west-coast](http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/region/west-coast)

## What kinds of jobs does NOAA Fisheries offer?

NOAA Fisheries has a range of careers including biology, communications, ecology, education, information technology, law enforcement, management, marine policy, outreach, software development, statistics, and more.

To learn about different careers within NOAA Fisheries, visit:  
[www.fisheries.noaa.gov/insight/careers](http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/insight/careers)

## NOAA Fisheries Offices on the West Coast

### NOAA Fisheries West Coast Regional Office

California: Arcata, Long Beach, Sacramento, Santa Rosa  
Idaho: Boise, Moscow, Salmon  
Oregon: La Grande, Portland, Roseburg  
Washington: Ellensburg, Lacey, Seattle

### NOAA Fisheries Science Centers

Northwest Fisheries Science Center - Seattle, WA  
Southwest Fisheries Science Center - La Jolla, CA

### Fisheries Office of Law Enforcement

Portland Enforcement Office  
Seattle Enforcement Office



## Jobs with NOAA Fisheries on the West Coast



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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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National Marine Fisheries Service  
NOAA Fisheries West Coast Region



Cleaning up marine debris.

## USAJOBS Events

USAJobs hosts a series of webinars and in-person events to help individuals navigate the Federal hiring process, to find and apply for Federal jobs, to write a Federal resume, and to learn about special hiring authorities such as Schedule A for individuals with disabilities, and more related topics.

[www.usajobs.gov/Notification/Events/](http://www.usajobs.gov/Notification/Events/)



Conducting outreach.

## Ways to Work with NOAA Fisheries

Federal employees, or full-time equivalents (FTEs), are hired through USAJOBS. Contractors are hired through individual contracted companies. Students and recent graduates may be hired through the Pathways Program.

## Fisheries Contracted Companies

Employees of contracted companies provide support in various roles including; fishery monitors, protected species observers, fishery biologists, technical writers, computer programmers, and many other functions. Each contracted company secures employees differently. Their websites include information on applying for current openings, and submitting a resume for future consideration.

[www.protechservices.noaa.gov/fish-contract.php](http://www.protechservices.noaa.gov/fish-contract.php)

## Pathways Program

Current students or recent graduates, may be eligible for federal internships and job opportunities through the Pathways and other student programs.

[www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/hiring-information/students-recent-graduates](http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/hiring-information/students-recent-graduates)



From graphic designers to IT specialists, NOAA Fisheries relies on the talents of many different experts.



NOAA Fisheries enforces more than 40 laws designed to protect marine life and their habitat.

## How to apply for a FTE position

NOAA Fisheries conducts its hiring through USAJOBS. Below is a summary of how to search and apply for a job with us through [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov).

### 1. CREATE AN ACCOUNT WITH LOGIN.GOV

First, create an account at <https://secure.login.gov/>.

### 2. CREATE A USAJOBS PROFILE

Once you have a login.gov account, you will be prompted to create a USAJOBS profile, which is required.

### 3. SEARCH FOR JOBS

Start your search by typing in a keyword or location. Use the filters to narrow your results by agency (i.e., National Marine Fisheries Service) or other criteria. Sign into your profile before searching to improve your search results. Save your search to receive an email when a new job matches your criteria.

### 4. REVIEW THE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

If you find a job you're interested in, read the entire announcement to make sure you meet the qualifications. Contact the agency representative if you have questions. The contact information is listed below the *How to Apply* section.

### 5. PREPARE YOUR APPLICATION

Read the *How to Apply* section of the announcement before you begin. Click *Apply* and the website will guide you through the required steps. For more tips, visit: [www.usajobs.gov/Help/how-to/application/](http://www.usajobs.gov/Help/how-to/application/).

### 6. SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

After your application is ready in USAJOBS, you need to submit it through the agency application system. After you submit your application, go back to the Application section of your USAJOBS account and make sure the hiring agency received your application. Your application status will say Received if the application went through.