



**Part-time Fisheries Biosampling Technician
NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service
Location: Guam**

Freestone Environmental Services, Inc. (www.gofreestone.com) a multi-disciplinary consulting firm, is currently seeking to hire a part-time employee that is interested in marine fisheries to serve as Fisheries Biosampling Technicians, supporting the Fisheries Research and Monitoring Division's (FRMD), Insular Fisheries Monitoring Program (IFMP) within the Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center (PIFSC), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

PIFSC administers scientific research and monitoring programs that support the domestic and international conservation and management of living marine resources. PIFSC is aiding the Pacific Island Region territories in improving fisheries dependent monitoring programs. The objective of this fisheries monitoring work will be to develop better information on landings and size composition by gear and species, and to collect samples for use in determining age, size-at-maturity, fecundity, and spawning seasonality. All this will provide a better foundation for inputs to stock assessments for sustainable fisheries management.

This is a part-time position.

Job Duties:

- Conduct census sampling of commercial, local, non-pelagic catches with the aid of staff from the commercial fisheries market;
- Collect data from the fishermen, if available, including fishing date, location, number of fishermen, gear types and number of gear, and hours fished;
- Record data from each catch including species identification, fork length, weight and any relevant notes on condition;
- Collect biological samples, including but not limited to otoliths, gonads, fin clips, and muscle tissues;
- Record data from each fish, and ensure samples are properly stored, preserved and labeled
- Ensure that all collected samples are sent to the PIFSC and/or PIFSC designee;
- Perform data management and archiving activities (e.g. ensure all data related to the census sampling and biological sample collection are entered into the Bio-Sampling database provided by PIFSC and data quality management steps are taken to ensure accuracy;
- Participate, as necessary, in meetings or training activities, which may include DAWR boat-based and shore-based creel survey staff;
- Maintain regular and consistent communication with government, fishing industry and/or market contacts; and
- Other duties as assigned.

Required Qualifications:

- High school graduate or GED.
- Prior experience in fish sampling, including extracting otoliths and gonads, and making morphometric measurements or related work is also desirable, but can be learned on the job.
- Proven ability to identify fish species in the relevant area.
- Familiarity with fisheries and the fishing industry in the local area.
- Basic computer proficiency for report generation.

To Apply

Please submit your resume, the contact information for three (3) references, Freestone application form: <https://www.gofreestone.com>, and a cover letter explaining how your qualifications meet the requirements of the position to: jobs@gofreestone.com with the following subject line: **Fisheries Biosampling Technician**.

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