

Scottish Natural Heritage is the leading public body responsible for advising Ministers on matters relating to the natural heritage. The natural environment is a key asset that underpins Scotland's wealth, health and quality of life. Our job is to conserve this resource, to promote its sustainable management and to encourage people to access and enjoy it responsibly.

Marine Policy and Advice Officer

Inverness , Fixed term for one year
Starting salary £23,486
(Ref: 052-095)

You will contribute to the delivery of SNH's marine monitoring and surveillance programmes. This will include commissioning and managing research projects (including the QA of submitted products) to support the future development of marine protected areas in Scottish inshore waters. In addition, you will analyse and interpret marine biodiversity data as part of the application of the Scottish MPA selection guidelines and monitor the assessment of protected area condition status. You will also participate in marine biological surveys and contribute to the general work of the CMEU.

You will require an honours degree or equivalent in a relevant subject (e.g. Marine Biology, Marine Resource Management etc.) plus relevant post-graduate experience with a sound understanding of the marine ecology, habitats and species of Scotland and issues relating to their conservation. You will have knowledge of the range of techniques and methods available for survey and monitoring in the marine environment, excellent organisational skills and strong interpersonal skills with a proven ability to manage the delivery of research contracts to schedule, excellent IT and analytical skills.

We're as supportive, committed and proud of our people as we are of the natural world around us. Find out more, and apply, online at www.snhjobs.co.uk Alternatively, call 01463 725182.

Closing date: Friday 26 February 2010
Interviews being held: Wednesday 24 March 2010