Sea Grant/Marine Science  Position #0001-4772  Ext. Agent I, II, or III
Lee County (South Central District)  Ft. Myers, FL

Application Deadline: February 5, 2007 or until the position is filled.

Date Available:  03/01/07

The Sea Grant/Marine Science agent will plan, develop, implement and evaluate comprehensive marine and natural resource educational programs that focus on marine fisheries and habitat issues. The agent will work with both the commercial and recreational fisheries, industries including boating, marinas, fishing retail stores, sport shops and other fishing-related businesses; artificial reefs for marine resource and water quality education for adults and youth audiences related to fishing and fishing habitats, as appropriate. The agent will conduct issue-based educational programs through workshops, conferences, publications and electronic media for various audiences that are associated with the fishing sector, including fishing groups, marine and coastal resource users, marine management agencies, public and private organizations, 4H and other youth groups and educational institutions.

The Agent will follow all Extension policies, program development and program reporting. The Agent will assume other responsibilities as assigned by the County Extension Director and District Extension Director. The incumbent will be expected to work with agencies and organizations to acquire grants (monetary/in-kind), assist/lead cooperative/interdisciplinary projects, provide service to schools, develop creative works (presentations, posters, website development, etc), write non-technical people-friendly publications, and participate in professional societies. The agent will be able to apply for promotion and permanent status.

The successful candidate will work with Sea Grant Extension faculty in surrounding counties and University of Florida specialists in planning and developing Extension education programs. Duties may also include regional fishery activities. The agent will develop and utilize a Sea Grant/Marine advisory committee. The agent will accept other duties as assigned or determined to be relevant to marine Extension education programs by the Lee County Extension Director or District Extension Director.

Lee County is located in Southwest Florida; the county seat and major city in the county is Ft. Myers. The county is one of the fastest growing counties in Florida. Lee County produces about 3% of the state’s recreational marine landings and value, has 5.4% of the state’s charter boats and 6.2% of the non-resident fishers statewide.

A bachelor’s degree in Biological Science or related field is required. A master’s degree in the area of fisheries, aquaculture, marine policy, coastal management, marine recreation, resource development, marine biology, or resource economics is preferred. Extension programming experience in the fisheries area is also desired. Lee County requires a drug test prior to employment. Residency in Lee County is preferred.