

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division

Waterford Fisheries Station

2026 Seasonal Positions (Two)

Position: Short-term State Worker located at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Waterford Fisheries Station, 7806 Gale Road. Waterford, MI 48327. This is a temporary, non-career, position.

Wage: State worker hourly pay rates are \$16.22 for first-time DNR employees; \$17.66 with 250+ hours of DNR experience in 2025 and \$18.55 with 250+ hours of DNR experience in 2025 and 400+ hours of DNR experience in 2024.

Duration: Up to 1040 hours. Between April and September. The actual starting and ending dates are flexible.

Duties: Principal duties are to assist with collection of data on fish communities, fish habitats, and water quality on both inland and Great Lakes. Candidate will also assist with activities relating to the MDNR Grass Carp and Red Swamp Crayfish Response Plan, fish rearing and stocking, rearing pond maintenance, equipment and facility maintenance, fabrication and maintenance of entrapment gear, Invasive species monitoring, and other duties as assigned.

Qualifications: Applicants should be self-starting, highly motivated individuals interested in performing fisheries-related fieldwork that often involves strenuous physical labor. Candidate must be able to lift heavy objects and work outdoors in all types of weather. Small boat handling and trailering skills are desired. Preference will be given to applicants with prior fisheries field experience, general knowledge of fish identification, and experience with power equipment. Academic coursework, work experience, and other skills will be considered. Must be 18 years old and possess a current Michigan driver's license. Work schedule will include various shifts and some weekends. Travel expenses will be provided for any out-of-area travel.

Civil Service rules require all State Workers to submit to a pre-employment drug test and background check.

Application:

Submit by email a cover letter, resume, DNR employment application form #PR-7123e http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/dnr_employment_application_pr7123_443361_7.pdf and contact information for three references to Todd Somers at Somerst@Michigan.gov.

Applications will be accepted through Feb 27th, 2026. Interviews will be held in early March.