

Aquatic Veterinarian/Diagnostician

Salary range: Commensurate with experience and qualifications

Hours: Full time

Location: Portland, Maine

About the Company

Fish Vet Group has an immediate opening for an aquatic veterinarian/diagnostician to expand our team in Portland, Maine, USA. Fish Vet Group is the world's largest provider of dedicated evidence-based veterinary services, diagnostic technologies and environmental monitoring to the aquaculture sectors. The company was established in 1995 in Inverness, Scotland and has since expanded to locations to the U.S., Ireland, Norway, Thailand, Chile and Brazil. The Portland, Maine laboratory is a part of a successful and growing business that supports aquatic animal health in numerous sectors including aquaculture, research, and wild fisheries, throughout the Americas.

Fish Vet Group's core technical group is made up of experienced veterinarians, laboratory technicians, chemists, research scientists, marine biologists, environmental scientists, microbiologists, pathologists and business managers. A central part of our service is an in-house laboratory team that offers industry leading aquatic diagnostic and veterinary support. We combine extensive clinical experience with evidence-based medicine to provide strategic health management advice. Our operations also offer a comprehensive range of training, environmental and advisory services across all areas of aquatic animal production.

The company is part of the Benchmark Holdings Plc. group of companies which operates internationally with businesses comprising animal health, advanced animal nutrition, breeding and genetics, sustainability science and technical publishing. The company established and uses the principle of the "3Es" bringing together Ethics, Environment, with Economics within all business activity. It combines expert knowledge, scientific research and evaluation and practical methodology to help drive change and progress.

Candidates should send a CV and cover letter detailing previous experience and suitability for the role to Nick King (nick.king@fishvetgroup.com , +1 207 699 5909).

Summary of the position:

This is a full-time position with a competitive salary and attractive benefits package. This role will perform disease diagnoses of aquatic animals, including gross and histopathologic examination, bacterial and viral culture, and molecular assays on finfish, shellfish and crustaceans. This position will provide veterinary support in the form of disease management and mitigation and biosecurity inspections in the field. This post reports to the Operations Director (or as assigned by the Director).

Key Responsibilities:

- To perform necropsies on aquatic animals submitted to the diagnostic laboratory for disease investigations.
- Perform the microscopic evaluation and interpretation of tissue sections from aquatic animals.
- Interpret and incorporate bacterial and viral cultures and molecular testing (PCR-based assays, DFAT, IFAT, ELISA, etc.) results into a disease diagnosis.
- Author comprehensive pathology narrative reports and communicate the significance of findings to the veterinary team and clients, while meeting report deadlines.
- Perform on-site fish health inspections and disease investigations and work closely with clients to prevent and control infectious and non-infectious disease.
- Work closely with and provide scientific guidance and feedback to the diagnostic laboratory manager, fish health technician and histopathology technician and ensure accuracy and compliance with protocols and SOP's.
- In collaboration with management, participate in projects to develop new or improved services or technologies.
- Participate in histopathology consultations and peer reviews with other pathologists within the company.
- Attend continuing education seminars and give presentations.
- Other duties as assigned.

Skills, Knowledge and Ability

Qualifications and experience:

- Doctoral degree in veterinary medicine from an AVMA-accredited institution and eligibility to practice in the U.S.
- AFS/FHS (American fisheries Society - Fish Health Section) certified fish pathologist or eligible to become certified
- Speciality training working with aquatic animal species
- Board certification in anatomic pathology by the American College of Veterinary Pathologists or eligibility to sit for the ACVP board examination
- Must be able to work in the U.S.

Personal attributes:

- Good communications skills, both written & oral
- Good problem solving skills and able to use own initiative
- High level of attention to detail
- The ability to work well in a motivated and dedicated team.