Position #00014741

Marine-Natural Resources Agent       Extension Agent I or II
Taylor County (Northeast Extension District)   Perry, Florida

Application deadline 10/15/2007 or until filled

The agent will be responsible for planning, developing, teaching, implementing and evaluating a comprehensive marine-natural resource education program for Taylor County. The agent will also assist in 4-H youth leadership as it relates to natural resources and marine issues for Taylor County youth and adults.

The agent will be expected to identify and maintain professional relationships with various marine and coastal resource user groups; and act as liaison to marine and natural resource management agencies, as well as public and private organizations and educational institutions. The agent will assume leadership in developing Taylor County’s artificial reef program in conjunction with other colleagues within the University of Florida and other agencies as appropriate. The agent will also assist community leaders and decision-makers in protecting and conserving their marine and natural resources while planning the future course of land, water use and coastal navigation. The agent will serve as part of a multi-county team of extension faculty assisting in the recruiting of youth and adults for the 4-H youth educational programs in Taylor and surrounding counties in the marine and natural resources area.

The agent must have the ability to work effectively with a diverse audience including minority populations, community leaders, media, and the general public. Responsibility will include establishing a local advisory committee and working with agencies and organizations that are concerned with the needs and well-being in the assigned program area. Required are abilities to work with diverse clientele; communication skills in writing, speaking, and use of computers; willingness to work irregular hours and occasional weekends; and maintain a valid Florida driver license.

The agent will assume other responsibilities as assigned by the Taylor County Extension Director and the Northeast District Extension Director.

The Taylor County Extension office is located in Perry about 50 miles southeast of Tallahassee the State Capital and borders the Gulf of Mexico. Taylor County is a rural county with a rapidly developing 50 miles of coastline.

A Master’s degree and Extension programming experience is preferred and a B.S. degree is required. Faculty must make significant progress toward a master's degree within five (5) years of employment. The agent will be expected to attain promotion and permanent status per state faculty guidelines. This is a permanent status accruing position.

Degrees and Experience in marine science, aquaculture, fisheries, biological sciences or a related field is required from an accredited University. Established residency in Taylor County within one year of employment is preferred and it is expected that the agent will become a part of community life. Successful completion of a Taylor County physical exam, including drug and alcohol screening, is required. The University of Florida will conduct a criminal background check on finalists.