Effective Date: October 2017

Position Title
Seafood Watch Contractual Research Analyst – Wild-Capture/Aquaculture

Position Summary
The Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch program analyzes the ecological sustainability of wild-caught and farmed seafood and makes this information available to consumers, businesses and other interested parties in the form of printed and online Seafood Watch Pocket Guides and other materials. Visit www.seafoodwatch.org for more information.

The Seafood Watch program seeks a number of qualified Contractual Research Analysts to prepare Seafood Reports on wild-caught and farmed species. The contractor is an off-site position who works on an as-needed, report by report, basis. The essential job functions include:

- Synthesize peer-reviewed primary literature, as well as government documents and other gray literature on the species/fishery/aquaculture operation in question.
- Contact scientists, conservationists and members of the industry to discuss the pertinent conservation issues related to these species and their fishing practices.
- Develop of sustainability recommendations utilizing the criteria and methodology developed by the Seafood Watch program (available at http://www.montereybayaquarium.org/cr/cr_seafoodwatch/sfw_aboutsfw.asp).
- Summarize the findings in a Seafood Report according to the structure and format provided by the Seafood Watch program (find example at http://www.mbayaq.org/cr/cr_seafoodwatch/content/media/MBA_SeafoodWatch_ImportedAtlanticCodReport.pdf).
- Solicit scientific review from at least three external experts for scientific accuracy and completeness.
- Revise report based on feedback from these external experts and Seafood Watch staff.

The Contractual Research Analyst will work closely with the Program Manager to develop a research strategy, obtain continual feedback and guidance, and establish a research and submission timeline.

Ideal candidates should have, or be working toward, a PhD or Master’s degree in marine science, ecology or fishery science, or equivalent experience/education in the field of aquaculture. Knowledge of current trends and findings in marine conservation is important. Proficiency with Microsoft Word and Excel is mandatory. Outstanding written and verbal communication skills are critical. Monterey Bay Aquarium offers competitive compensation for comprehensive, high-quality contract work (generally on the order of $5000-$7000 per report, depending on complexity). This is not a benefited position.

If interested, please submit your resume to SFWResearch@mbayaq.org.