

Marine Economist, Science & Strategy Division

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General Summary

The Marine Economist is a member of Oceana's Science and Strategy Team, reporting to the Chief of Strategy and plays a key role in Oceana's Save the Oceans, Feed the World Campaign. S/he has primary responsibility for researching and analyzing economic outcomes of policy alternatives, developing and proposing policy initiatives, and preparing Oceana technical reports. S/he must be knowledgeable about global food issues, including food security and livelihood concerns. The position requires extensive outside contact, particularly with economists and scientists and representatives of other organizations. S/he must be available for travel as necessary.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities

Essential Functions:

1. Carries out research on Oceana's campaign topics and other subjects relevant to Oceana's objectives.
2. Conducts literature searches, carries out analyses of primary and secondary literature, drafts reports and policy recommendations.
3. Gathers pertinent information and data through libraries, the web, government agencies and academia; analyzes data as appropriate and prepares reports accordingly.
4. Communicates with outside economists in order to generate academic support for Oceana's work, including sign-on letters and technical review of reports.
5. Writes/edits or otherwise provides the economic foundation for Oceana reports and external communications.
6. Represents Oceana at external events including conferences, symposia, meetings, and hearings.
7. Participates in Oceana campaign and project teams, as appropriate, including US-based work and with staff in other countries.

8. Prepares reports for the Board of Directors, foundations and public education efforts, including writing/editing or otherwise providing the economic foundation, as well as production and distribution to the intended audience.
9. Manages a varied and high volume workload and works independently to meet deadlines and accomplish tasks.
10. Performs additional duties as needed and/or assigned.

Job Requirements

Education and work experience:

- Master's degree in a relevant discipline, such as food and resource economics.
- At least 3 to 5 years of experience preferred. Familiarity with seafood industry a plus.

Skills and knowledge:

- Able to analyze how markets interact and how changes in one market affect (or do not affect) various other markets.
- Excellent writing, editing, communication, organizational and research skills required. Fluency in Spanish or other relevant languages such as Portuguese, French or Tagalog preferred
- Proficiency with Windows-based applications (MS Office Suite preferred). Database proficiency strongly preferred.
- Ability to make presentations and address large gatherings on topics related to the mission of Oceana.
- Excellent project management skills.
- Must be willing to accept a varied workload. Some long hours and travel may be required.
- Must have the ability to handle many tasks simultaneously, with speed, accuracy, and courtesy, show initiative, and exhibit insightful planning and understanding of abstract concepts.

- Ability to take initiative in suggesting ways to augment work and responsibilities of position to accomplish Oceana's goals.
- Must maintain strict confidentiality in working with sensitive data, and possess excellent judgment in handling communications, expense budgets, other issues and personal relationships.
- Must exercise sound judgment and be able to represent Oceana in a professional and responsive manner.
- Experience living, working or traveling in developing countries a plus.
- Strong interpersonal skills.

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The above declarations are not intended to be an "all inclusive" list of duties and responsibilities of the job described, nor are they intended to be such a listing of the skills and abilities required to do the job. Rather, they are intended only to describe the general nature of the job, and are a reasonable representation of its activities.