

Specification for Class of

FISH AND WILDLIFE DETECTIVE

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Definition: Within the Statewide Investigations Unit of the Department of Fish and Wildlife, conducts covert and overt investigations of major violations of state, federal and tribal laws and regulations pertaining to Fisheries and Wildlife resources of the state. Acquires, maintains, and independently exercises full commissioned authority and police powers as authorized by state law.

Distinguishing Characteristics: Positions in this class are distinguished from other enforcement classes by the principle assignment of investigating complex cases which involve structured criminal activity by individuals, businesses, corporations and criminal enterprises. Positions conduct long-termed covert and overt investigations statewide. Positions reconstruct criminal patterns from fragmented information through the extensive use of informants, forensics, computer technology and data management. Positions work with other state and federal natural resource and law enforcement agencies on multi-jurisdictional investigations. Responsible for directing and handling informants on both short and long term basis. Manages a financial undercover account.

Typical Work

Investigates large organizations designed for the sole purpose of illegally disposing of fish and wildlife for profit;

Uses a diversity of undercover investigative techniques;

Uses advanced surveillance techniques;

Performs extremely detailed reconstruction of criminal activity through use of computers, link analysis, computer research;

Uses advanced state-of-the-art investigative equipment and processes such as polygraph, low light optics, photographic and video, forensic equipment to assist with criminal reconstruction and documentation;

Maintains close association with natural resource and law enforcement agencies such as U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries, Washington State Patrol Criminal Investigations Division and Organized Crime Units, County Sheriff

Detective Bureaus, Canadian Ministry of Environment, Wildlife agencies of other states, and local police departments and tribal authorities;

Oversees and manages informants;

Maintains and accountable for undercover financial account;

Performs other duties as required.

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: investigative techniques, surveillance techniques and procedures; evidence collection and processing, forensics techniques, photography, link chart analysis, crime scene investigation, search warrant and affidavits, grand jury indictment process and procedure; business records and regulations.

Minimum Qualifications

Three years status as a Fish and Wildlife Officer 2 or 3.

New class: Effective 7/1/97