



## **Oil Spill Prevention Specialist Departmental Open - Statewide Continuous Examination**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Why not work to benefit California's environment? Want to work with dedicated people who value and enjoy their work?

Our employees are committed to managing and protecting California's diverse wildlife and the habitats upon which they depend. Join us and begin a meaningful new career.

For more information on the State examination and hiring process, visit the Department of Fish and Wildlife website at <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Employment>.

### **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER**

The State of California is an equal opportunity employer to all, regardless of age, ancestry, color, disability (mental and physical), exercising the right to family care and medical leave, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, marital status, medical condition, military or veteran status, national origin, political affiliation, race, religious creed, sex (includes pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding and related medical conditions), and sexual orientation.

### **DRUG FREE STATEMENT**

It is an objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free state work place. Any applicant for state employment will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective because the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the law of the state, the rules governing civil service and the special trust placed in public servants.

### **WHO SHOULD APPLY?**

Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications as stated on this bulletin may apply for this examination.

Once you have taken this examination, you may not retake it for six (6) months.

### **FILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**EMAILED APPLICATIONS ARE PREFERRED.** Submit your completed EXAMINATION/EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION (STD 678) along with any required educational documentation (if applicable) via email at [examsubmission@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:examsubmission@wildlife.ca.gov)

Please include the Exam Code and the Title of the Examination in the subject line of your email. The Examination/Employment Application (STD. 678) is available through your CalCareer Account or the internet at <https://jobs.ca.gov/pdf/STD678.pdf>. Once your application has been received and verified you will be emailed the link to the Training and Experience Questionnaire. Please be sure to include your current email address on your application. Applications may be by mail. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Due to the recent impact of the COVID-19 and for the safety of our employees and customers, the drop off location for applications will be temporarily closed. In order to ensure we receive your application, please send your application certified mail to the mailing address indicated on the announcement. The State Examination Application (Form STD 678) may be filed by mail at:

**California Department of Fish and Wildlife**  
**Attention: HR – Recruitment and Selection Unit**  
**P.O. Box 944209**  
**Sacramento, CA 94244**

Completed applications and all required documents must be received in order to be considered. Dates printed on Mobile Bar Codes, such as the Quick Response (QR) Codes available at the USPS, are not considered Postmark dates for the purpose of determining filing of an application.

### **SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS**

If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark the appropriate box on the application. The exam unit will contact you to make specific arrangements.

### **SALARY INFORMATION**

\$5,700 - \$7,076

### **POSITION STATEMENT**

This is the advanced journey level in the series. The Specialist serves as a departmental technical expert on the more difficult and complex issues related to oil spill prevention and response activities.

The Specialist, under direction, will respond to oil spills, investigate and provide technical expertise to Wardens and the Incident Commander; investigate tanker groundings; serve as an expert witness; assist in the development of new programs; review, evaluate and approve vessel and marine facility oil spill contingency plans, blanket and exemption requests; participate in and critique drills which test effectiveness of contingency plans, cleanup operations and equipment used; communicate with vessel owners, agents and marine facilities; interact with major oil and oil shipping companies, Coast Guard, other governmental entities and agencies; interpret guidelines and regulations; comment on proposed regulations; review Environmental Impact Reports (EIR) and submit recommendations; prepare the more difficult correspondence and reports; attend committee meetings and give the Department's position on issues; provide guidance for preparing the area plans; analyze coastal protection measures; facilitate the implementation of new Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) systems; respond to pilotage, tug escort, pipeline, marine fire fighting and salvage issues; review the daily log of vessel traffic through the Marine Exchange; analyze and consider the feasibility of requiring new technologies to aid prevention, response, containment and cleanup.

### **ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION**

An open eligible list for the Oil Spill Prevention Specialist classification will be established for the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Eligibility expires 24 months after it is established. Applicants must then retake the examination to reestablish eligibility. This examination will be administered on a continuous basis. Applicants will have the option of retesting after a 6-month testing period. Competitors choosing to retest and who are successful in the examination will be merged onto the list in order of final score. The highest score takes precedence regardless of examination date.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION

All applicants must meet the minimum qualifications by the application submission date.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

*Qualifying experience may be combined on a proportionate basis if the requirements stated below include more than one pattern and are distinguished as Either "I", "II", or "III", etc. For example, candidates possessing qualifying experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern I, and additional experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern II, may be admitted to an examination as meeting 100% of the overall experience requirement.*

Applications and any attached resumes require employment history information including "to" and "from" dates (month/day/year), time base, and if applicable, civil service class titles. Applications and any attached resumes received without this information MAY BE REJECTED because of incomplete information.

#### Either I

Two years of experience in California State service performing the duties of a class with a level of responsibility equivalent to an Oil Spill Prevention Assistant.

#### Or II

Five years of progressively responsible experience in marine pollution research or in the development of marine environmental programs involving contact with governmental agencies and/or marine environmental groups, at least four years of which shall have included experience involving any type of petroleum transportation activity, such as marine terminal operations, vessel shiphandling, marine engineering, marine safety, marine surveying, marine fire fighting and salvage, marine pollution prevention and response, shipboard systems and/or related fields.

## EXAMINATION INFORMATION

### Training and Experience Questionnaire - Weighted 100%

This examination consists of a Training and Experience Questionnaire and is the sole component of the examination. To obtain a position on the eligible list, you must attain a minimum rating of **70%**.

### **COMPETITORS WHO DO NOT COMPLETE THE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

Applicants will be sent a link through email to complete the Oil Spill Prevention Specialist Training and Experience Questionnaire.

## PREPARING FOR EXAMINATION

Below is a list of suggested resources to have available prior to taking the exam.

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:** Employment dates, job titles, organization names and addresses, names of supervisors or persons who can verify your job responsibilities, and phone numbers of persons listed.

**EDUCATION:** School names and addresses, degree earned, dates attended, courses taken

(verifiable on a transcript), persons or office who can verify education, and phone numbers of persons or offices listed.

**TRAINING:** Class titles, certifications received, names of persons who can verify your training, and phone numbers of persons listed.

## KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

### Knowledge of:

1. Oil transfer operations among tank vessels, marine facilities, pipelines and mobile transfers
2. Marine engineering
3. Shiphandling
4. Bunkering and lightering procedures
5. A vessel mobile transfer unit
6. Marine/non-marine facility oil spill contingency plan components
7. Marine/non-marine oil spill pollution prevention and response equipment and methodologies
8. Marine/non-marine oil spill drills and exercise design and evaluation
9. Federal and State regulations relating to oil spill prevention and response
10. Basic investigative procedures
11. The Incident Command System
12. Safe work practices associated with hazardous conditions
13. Vessel traffic service systems
14. The Marine Exchange organizations
15. Pilotage issues
16. Tug escort capabilities and regulations
17. Federal and State petroleum pipeline regulations
18. The State legislative and regulatory process

### Ability to:

1. Review and develop oil spill contingency plans
2. Respond to field questions regarding oil spills
3. Analyze, evaluate information and make recommendations
4. Communicate effectively
5. Meet work deadlines
6. Prepare clear, concise, complete and technically accurate reports
7. Establish and maintain cooperative relations with those contacted at work
8. Review and develop recommendations for program procedures and regulations
9. Determine the cause of oil spills
10. Complete complex projects
11. Testify in court as an expert witness
12. Conduct training
13. Serve on various committees and work as a liaison to develop area plans
14. Interpret Federal and State regulations

## BENEFITS

To learn more about the comprehensive benefit package please visit our website at <https://www.calpers.ca.gov>.

## VETERANS' PREFERENCE

Veterans' Preference will be granted to all competitors who are successful in this examination and who qualify for, and have requested, Veterans' Preference through the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR),

<https://calcareers.ca.gov/CalHRPublic/Landing/Jobs/VeteransInformation.aspx>

**Veterans who have achieved permanent civil service status are not eligible to receive Veterans' Preference credits.**

## SPECIAL PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

Keenness of observation; demonstrated ability to act independently; flexibility and tact; willingness to travel and do field work on short notice; willingness to work on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays and at odd or irregular hours; willingness to wear a prescribed uniform, necessary safety equipment and work clothing.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions concerning the Oil Spill Prevention Specialist examination or the testing process, you may contact the Department of Fish and Wildlife, Human Resources Branch at (916) 653-8120, email [exams@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:exams@wildlife.ca.gov) or visit the Department of Fish and Wildlife website at [www.wildlife.ca.gov](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov).

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**For an examination without a written feature**, it is the candidate's responsibility to contact the Department of Fish and Wildlife three weeks after the filing date if he/she has not received his/her notice.

**Applications are available** at [www.jobs.ca.gov/pdf/std678.pdf](http://www.jobs.ca.gov/pdf/std678.pdf), California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) offices, local offices of the Employment Development Department and the testing department on this examination bulletin.

**Remember, Examinations are Competitive:** If you possess the entrance requirements stated on this bulletin, you may take this competitive examination; however, you are not assured a place on the eligibility list. Your performance in the examination is compared to established rating criteria. All candidates who pass are ranked according to their scores.

**Candidates needing special testing arrangements** due to a disability must mark the appropriate box on the application and/or contact the testing department.

**General Qualifications:** Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and ability to work cooperatively with others; and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history and fingerprinting may be required.

**Eligible Lists:** Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) sub-divisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multi-departmental promotional, 4) service-wide promotional, 5) departmental open, 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in one to four years unless otherwise stated on the bulletin.

**Veterans' Preference:** Will be awarded in this examination, pursuant to Government Code Section 18973.1, effective January 1, 2014, as follows: (1) Any veteran, widow or widower of a veteran, or spouse of a 100 percent disabled veteran, who achieves a passing score in an entrance examination, shall be ranked in the top rank of the resulting eligibility list. Any veteran who has been dishonorably discharged or released is not eligible for veterans' preference. (2) An entrance examination is defined, under the law, as any open competitive examination. (3) Veterans' Preference is not granted once a person achieves permanent civil service status.

**How to Apply for Veterans' Preference:** The California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) has information on how to apply for Veterans' Preference on their website at <https://jobs.ca.gov/CalHRPublic/Landing/Jobs/VeteransInformation.aspx> and on the Application for Veterans' Preference form ([CalHR 1093](#)). Additional information is also available at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Miscellaneous Information:** The Department of Fish and Wildlife reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service law and rules and all competitors will be notified.

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**California Relay (Telephone) Service for the Deaf or Hearing-Impaired**

**From TDD phones: 1-800-735-2929**

**From voice phones: 1-800-735-2922**