

### Class Concept

Positions in this class serve as field officer to ensure compliance with conservation regulations and protect the state's fisheries resources. It is the responsibility of the Marine Patrol Officer to ensure fishermen comply with general statutes and rules that are developed to protect and regulate the harvest of the state's fisheries. In addition to checking commercial and recreational fishermen, officers patrol waterways, piers, and beaches in coastal areas. The Marine Patrol Officer also inspects seafood houses, vehicles transporting seafood, and restaurants all over the state to ensure compliance with fisheries rules. Duties also include apprehending violators committing offenses, investigating violations or complaints, collecting, and preserving evidence and following the chain of custody, testifying in court proceedings, and performing related work.

\*Applicants hired prior to completion of Basic Law Enforcement Training and NC Probationary Law Enforcement Certification will be limited to recruit assignments until the training and certification are both complete. These recruits will perform tasks such as shadowing certified Marine Fisheries Law Enforcement Officers, studying policies and procedures, attending basic law enforcement training, and performing administrative tasks.

### Recruitment Standards

#### Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Basic knowledge of Marine Fisheries enforcement policies and guidelines, state, and federal laws
- that pertain to Marine Fisheries enforcement, North Carolina General Statutes and Fisheries
- Rules for Coastal Waters, and Marine Fisheries proclamations.
- Basic knowledge Division of Criminal Information rules, policies, and procedures; National Marine Fisheries regulations; and Marine Fisheries rules and regulations.
- Basic knowledge of navigational charts, and county/state maps.
- Ability to operate a patrol vessel.

\*Applicants hired prior to completion of Basic Law Enforcement Training and NC Probationary Law Enforcement Certification will be required only to show that they are on track to demonstrate the above knowledge, skills, and abilities at the completion of Basic Law Enforcement Training and Probationary Law Enforcement Certification

#### Minimum Education and Experience

High school or General Educational Development (GED) diploma.

#### Necessary Special Qualifications

- Must complete all requirements for an NC Probationary Law Enforcement Certification, including completion of Basic Law Enforcement Training, in accordance with the provisions of the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission within one year of employment.
- Must be at least 20 years of age.
- Possession of a valid NC Driver's License.