



## **Patience Island New England Cottontail Trapping Technician**

Rhode Island Division of Fish and Wildlife

West Kingston, RI

**Pay:** Hourly rate of \$19 with no benefits

**Classification:** Contractor (expected approx. 35 hours per week for approx. 15 weeks spanning November 2024 to April 2025)

**Start Date:** November 2024

**Duration:** Approx. 15 weeks spanning November 2024 to April 2025

**Recruitment:** Internal/External

**Application Deadline:** October 18, 2024, or until position is filled

**Overview:** Work independently and as a team in a joint capacity with the Wildlife Management Institute (WMI) and the Bureau of Natural Resources, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) to assist the Division of Fish and Wildlife biologist with New England cottontail research on Patience Island. The incumbent will: drive equipment to and from the field office to the boat ramp; assist hauling traps on and off the boat to the island; transport traps throughout the island; set traps to catch rabbits; assist setting up and maintaining cameras on the island; and collect fecal pellets on the island and mainland monitoring sites. The contractor must work diligently to ensure all traps that have been set are checked to verify rabbits are not left in traps for long periods of time. The contractor also may assist in the process of transporting, collaring, collecting biological samples and information, releasing, and monitoring rabbits. This position will be classified as a Contractor to the WMI. Direct supervision of day-to-day activities will be provided by RIDEM and partners.

Must possess, or be able to obtain, a Class D Rhode Island driver's license before the start of the position. Must be able to lift at least 50 pounds and be willing to travel regularly on a boat to Patience Island, RI.

**Term:** Work within this agreement shall be performed up to 4/25/2025. The work is intermittent and will not be every day. For example, marine weather conditions and/or land weather conditions may prevent trapping certain days. The total number of weeks worked will be 15 weeks.

**Pricing:** WMI shall pay Contractor an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 (the "Price") at the rate of \$19.00 per hour to perform the Services described in the Overview. Payment shall be made based on invoices of the number of hours worked.

**Application Procedures:** To apply via email, send a cover letter outlining your interest and qualifications and a resume to: [wgel@etal.uri.edu](mailto:wgel@etal.uri.edu) and cc [dylan.ferreira@dem.ri.gov](mailto:dylan.ferreira@dem.ri.gov) and [christopher.thawley.ctr@dem.ri.gov](mailto:christopher.thawley.ctr@dem.ri.gov). Please state "Patience Island New England Cottontail Trapping Technician" in the email's subject.