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Fishway Guide Job Description (Seasonal)

About the Robert Barrett Fishway at Holyoke Gas & Electric Department

Each spring when the shad bush blooms, American Shad, Sea Lamprey, Blueback Herring and other anadromous fish swim up the Connecticut River as they begin their annual spring migration. Driven by their evolutionary instincts, adult fish return to spawn in the rivers of their birth.

The fishlift at HG&E's Robert E. Barrett Fishway helps migrating fish over the dam. It was the first and most successful fish lift on the Atlantic coast. It consists of two elevators or "lifts" which carry migrating fish up and over the Holyoke dam.

Job Description

The Robert Barrett Fishway Guide is a seasonal interpreter of scientific and technical information about fish, fish passage, hydro and solar power generation, as well as local history. Guides will meet, greet and guide guests on walking tours of the Fishway facilities.

Fishway Guides are expected to be professional at all times, upbeat, self-motivated, outgoing, friendly and helpful. Greeting and interacting with the public, leading group tours ranging from elementary students up to adults are the core responsibilities. In addition, answering phone calls, organizing materials for tours, and attention to other daily responsibilities as assigned are expected. The position includes a training period in late April plus availability for all, or part of, six consecutive weeks of work in May and June. The job requires standing for long periods of time, ability to climb stairs easily, and lift 20 pounds. Previous experience leading groups or teaching is preferred. Good communication skills are essential. 18 years or older.

2023 Fishway Season

May 10 through June 18, 2023

Time: 9 am – 5 pm

Days: Wednesday through Sunday

*Also, open Memorial Day, May 29

Position is 2 ½ to 3 days per week including weekend hours

Training: Late April, Schedule TBD

Cover Letter and Resume required sent to hgefishlift@gmail.com.