



## **Marine Analyst**

Santa Barbara, CA or remote

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The Environmental Defense Center (EDC) is a non-profit, public interest law firm that has worked to protect and restore California's environment and natural resources for more than 40 years. EDC is headquartered in Santa Barbara, California, and our work focuses primarily within San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties, including the northern Channel Islands and the ocean waters seaward of this region's shores. Our mission is to protect and enhance the local environment through education, advocacy, and legal action. Since 1977, we have empowered community-based organizations to advance environmental protection. Our program areas include climate and energy, protecting open space and wildlife, clean water, and the Santa Barbara Channel.

### **Position Summary**

EDC seeks a part-time analyst to support the Marine Program through research and analysis regarding multiple issues affecting the Santa Barbara Channel region, including offshore wind, marine protected areas, aquaculture, shipping, among others. The analyst will work with EDC's Senior Director of the Marine Program and experts to develop scientifically-based analysis, prepare reports, draft comment letters, participate in meetings, and assist with outreach and communication materials. This position is a unique opportunity to work on multiple marine conservation issues, with a variety of stakeholders (e.g., nonprofit, agency, industry, elected officials), among a passionate team.

### **Key responsibilities**

- Conduct research on priority issues and provide literature reviews and/or research memos on the topics assigned
- Draft comment letters and testimony
- Provide support for EDC's engagement on offshore wind development, California's Marine Protected Areas Decadal Management Review, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Aquaculture Opportunity Areas, among others
- Help coordinate and participate in coalition meetings
- Draft communication materials, including blogs, mailings, emails, etc.
- Assist with grant applications and reports
- Contribute to additional work products, as assigned, to forward the goals of the Marine Program

### **Qualifications**

- Undergraduate or advanced degree; a focus in environmental studies, marine science, or related field preferred

- 1-2 years of experience in research, writing, policy, and/or advocacy
- Enthusiasm for ocean stewardship and conservation
- Strong analytical and writing skills
- Excellent verbal communicator
- Well organized
- Aptitude to work independently as well as with managers and diverse stakeholders
- Experience in, or strong interest in learning about, the nonprofit sector

### **Commitment to environmental justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion**

EDC is proud to be an equal opportunity employer and is committed to cultivating a diverse and inclusive work culture. We believe that a diverse workforce improves our ability to assist our clients; enhances intellectual engagement; inspires innovation and creativity; and promotes critical thinking and solution-finding. EDC is devoted to hiring a diverse team of qualified people with respect to gender identity (including gender expression), race, sexual orientation, family status, religion, ethnicity, age, physical abilities, and other factors. EDC will also make reasonable accommodations for qualified people with disabilities.

### **Compensation**

This is a part-time, non-exempt position with available funding for one year with possibility of extension (20-29 hours per week, \$22-\$25/hour, based on experience). Vacation, holidays, and sick leave are provided. Employer match of 3% to a Simple IRA retirement account. Position does not include health insurance. The staff member may work in our Santa Barbara office, remote, or a hybrid schedule. Candidates must have access to a computer and reliable internet.

***Please send a cover letter, resume, and writing sample (research specific) to [khislop@EnvironmentalDefenseCenter.org](mailto:khislop@EnvironmentalDefenseCenter.org), preferably by June 10, 2022. We will be reviewing applications on a rolling basis and would like to fill this position as soon as possible.***