



**Position: Research and Necropsy Biologist
Pacific Marine Mammal Center
Laguna Beach, CA**

The Pacific Marine Mammal Center rescues, rehabilitates and returns stranded marine mammals in Orange County, California and has a robust research program focused on marine mammal and environmental health. The Research and Necropsy Biologist is responsible for conducting necropsies, facilitating research projects with collaborators/students, and assist the Vice President of Conservation Medicine and Science with various research-related tasks. Daily activities include leading pinnipeds, cetaceans, and sea turtle necropsies, maintain sample inventory, enter data into the electronic medical records system (Tracks[®]), the Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program's National Stranding Database, Health MAP (when implemented), and as needed, participating in all aspects of the care of marine mammal patients and live cetacean stranding response. This position is critical in acquisition of samples that support the important research PMMC conducts. Candidates should be passionate about conservation-focused research and be committed to the mission of PMMC (www.pacificmmc.org).

Primary Responsibilities:

- Conduct necropsies, maintain necropsy/histology sample inventory, and facilitate sample shipping
- Write necropsy reports, collate diagnostic findings, and order necropsy supplies/equipment
- Input and maintain lab results, necropsy sample inventory, necropsy records, and histology findings into Tracks[®], the National Marine Mammal Stranding and Health database and Health MAP (once implemented)
- Oversee the Ocean Health Fellowship Program
- Facilitate research projects and coordinate collection of research samples and data
- Assists medical staff, as needed, in performing medical procedures and laboratory diagnostic
- Coordinate educating and training volunteers, undergraduate, graduate and veterinary students that participate in necropsy and research

Requirements and Competencies:

- Masters or Bachelor degree in Biology, Marine Biology, Animal Science or related field. Preference will be given to those with Master's degree and/or significant research experience in relevant fields
- Marine mammal necropsy experience required
- Must be available to work varying hours including being on call for live marine mammal stranding response and afterhours/weekend/holidays
- Must have a valid state driver's license
- Must be proficient in MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint

Preferred qualifications

- Minimum of 2-years experience in marine mammal rescue and rehabilitation
- Experience managing large sample inventories
- Publications in peer reviewed scientific journals
- Experience with Tracks[®] (electronic medical record system), Conservation Standards and/or Miradi
- Experience with statistics and statistical analysis software

This position reports to the Vice President of Conservation Medicine and Science. Final candidate must successfully pass a background check. Salary commensurate with experience.

CV/resume, Cover Letter, and list of 3 references with contact information may be sent to:
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