



## **Clean Ocean Action**

### ***Science and Policy Advocate***

### ***Job Description***

#### **General Job Description**

*Clean Ocean Action (COA) is a non-profit regional coalition working to protect the marine waters off the NJ/NY coast. The Science and Policy Advocate thinks creatively, possesses strong communication skills and thrives in a fast-paced, multi-faceted environment. The Advocate is result-oriented, environmentally-focused, and has a strong desire to protect and improve coastal waters. The Advocate is familiar with all COA programs and issues.*

The Science and Policy Advocate is the primary technical expert on ocean pollution issues. The Advocate investigates issues, develops positions, identifies solutions, and creates outreach materials. The Advocate is responsible for reviewing and evaluating state and federal policies for impacts to marine water quality and for developing and implementing pro-ocean protection policies, strategies, and actions. The Science and Policy Advocate will also track, coordinate, and participate in targeted advocacy campaigns throughout the region.

While supported by the Executive Director and the COA team, the Science and Policy Advocate will be responsible for the following:

- ◆ Help shape regional and national ocean protection policies
- ◆ Monitor issues and respond proactively to protect water quality
- ◆ Investigate and evaluate proposals, regulations, projects and issues, and prepare comments
- ◆ Write, prepare, and collaborate on policy/technical reports and position statements on water quality or related issues
- ◆ Advocate, communicate, and coordinate science, technical and policy aspects of issues with a diversity of people including policy, legal, and outreach experts, coalition members, media, students, citizens, agency representatives, and elected officials
- ◆ Consult with COA's legal team to define and organize legal positions and actions

#### **General Program Coordination**

- Maintain focus and message on pollution prevention
- Stay current on state/federal policies, regulations and rules
- Update relevant programs and information on website, and write newsletter articles
- Manage email accounts
- Support and promote development efforts, including assistance with grant proposals and reports, and the COA Annual Report

#### **Qualifications and Qualities**

- JD with science background or science degree (PhD preferred) with law/policy background required
- Strongly motivated to protect and improve coastal waters
- Knowledgeable about marine sciences, pollution, and policy
- Familiarity with legal documents, regulations, and compliance issues

**This position requires evening and weekend work throughout the year.**

**Annual Salary:** Position is full time. Salary is competitive and commensurate with education and experience.

**Benefits:** Health and dental insurance coverage are offered on a cost-sharing basis, paid holidays and PDO, employer paid professional workshops and trainings

**Application Instructions:** Position currently open. Applications will be accepted until position filled. Please send cover letter, CV, three references with affiliations, one writing sample, and salary expectations to [business@cleanoceanaction.org](mailto:business@cleanoceanaction.org) with "Science and Policy Advocate" in the subject line.