

Freestone Environmental Services, Inc. ([www.gofreestone.com](http://www.gofreestone.com)) a multi-disciplinary consulting firm, is currently seeking to hire a talented individual to serve as a Florida and Caribbean Regional Marine Debris Coordinator for the Office of Response and Restoration (ORR). This individual will work with NOAA's Marine Debris Program (MDP) ([www.marinedebris.noaa.gov](http://www.marinedebris.noaa.gov)), which is located in NOAA's Silver Spring, Maryland offices. The Florida and Caribbean Regional Marine Debris Coordinator position will be located in St. Petersburg, FL.

ORR ([www.response.restoration.noaa.gov](http://www.response.restoration.noaa.gov)) is a program office in the National Ocean Service that responds to threats in order to protect and restore coastal resources. To do this, ORR provides interdisciplinary scientific response to releases of oil, chemicals, contaminants, and marine debris as well as protects and restores NOAA trust resources.

**Core Responsibilities:**

- Oversee and/or provide support to marine debris related projects, activities, and actions in Florida and the Caribbean (Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands).
- Participate in meetings, workshops and media events related to marine debris efforts in the region.
- Provide expertise and oversight for MDP-funded projects and support the planning and implementation of regional marine debris action plans.
- Provide support and coordination for large scale marine debris events in Florida and the Caribbean resulting from tropical storms, hurricanes, or flooding.
- Coordinate with federal and state partners in the region on marine debris issues.
- Work closely with the fishing industry and education community on marine debris prevention.
- Identify opportunities and participate in outreach and educational events with the public, school groups and industry partners focused on the prevention of marine debris.
- Participate in Congressional briefings in the region related to marine debris.
- Coordinate with the academic community in the region on marine debris research.

**Qualifications:**

- Master's in biology or environmental science or a related field. If the candidate does not have a Master's then an undergraduate degree in biology or environmental science or related field with significant work experience and understanding of marine debris issues.
- Strong verbal and writing skills, and strong computer and analytical skills.
- Self-motivated, energetic, strategic thinker.
- Ability to work independently and in teams.
- Experience working on and leading interdisciplinary teams.
- Spanish language proficiency is preferred.
- Experience working in the Florida and the Caribbean region through collaborative partnerships is preferred.

**To Apply:**

Please submit your resume, the contact information for three (3) references, Freestone application form (<http://www.gofreestone.com/careers>), and a cover letter explaining how your qualifications meet the requirements of the position to: [jobs@gofreestone.com](mailto:jobs@gofreestone.com) with the following subject line: **NOAA MDP Reg Coordinator.**

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