

Office of State Budget and Management
Establish New, Receipt-Supported Positions
(G.S. 143-34.1)

Agency: DENR

Division: Marine Fisheries

Budget Code: 14300

Center Title: DMF - Marine Patrol Law Enforcement

Center Number: 1325

***** Position Information *****

Proposed Classification: M. F. Biologist Supervisor **Proposed Salary Grade:** 72

Salary Range: \$37,563 – 54,434 (SMR) **Proposed Effective Date:** 10/01/03

Number of Positions: 1

	<u>Center Authorized Budget</u>	<u>Current Request</u>
Total Budget	\$ 750,000	\$ 45,029
Receipts	<u>750,000</u>	<u>45,029</u>
Appropriation	\$ 0	\$ 0

Funding Source(s): License Receipts

Justification for Position (including description of duties and responsibilities): This position will be the lead biologist for the Resource Enhancement Section and will report to the section chief. The position will be responsible for locating and procuring cultch material to be used in the Shellfish Rehabilitation Program which includes preparing contracts, bulk purchasing of cultch material, and communication with private industry. This position will select and allocate the procured material to planting sites in the marine estuarine waters of North Carolina. Allocation is determined with input from division personnel and local commercial fishermen. Planting of material is coordinated with five vessels using a force of 16 employees. This position will also be responsible for monitoring and evaluating the success of shellfish rehabilitation activities.

This position will be the lead biologist for the planning, logistics, and construction of a series of no-take oyster sanctuaries. Duties will include grant proposal preparation, design, material procurement, siting, and staff and equipment coordination for the projects. Onsite construction supervision, initial structure mapping, and long term monitoring for structural stability and biological and ecological success will also be the responsibility of this position. Attention to funding, design, and resource coordination will be required by this position to maximize the benefits of this project and to minimize the effects to other restoration programs. Cooperation and coordination with government and non-government organizations for funding and partnerships will require communication and organizational skills. The

supervision of 5 large vessels (30' – 135'), numerous small craft, heavy equipment and dump trucks, and staff including a team of scuba divers for long term monitoring will be required.

This position will be the primary shellfish lease investigator for the division. This will include conducting field investigations for proposed leases, counseling prospective leaseholders, reporting and making recommendation on the lease to the Section Chief and the Division Director. The position is also responsible for overseeing current leases and ensuring compliance with statutes.

This position will supervise daily operations of the heavy equipment and five vessels within the section and those used on Resource Enhancement activities in other areas. This position will procure large equipment, ensure vessel repairs and annual haul outs are completed, and oversee the maintenance of large equipment for optimum usage. This position will also supervise employees both administratively and for project completion. This will entail staff training, performance counseling, conducting performance appraisals, setting goals and deadlines.

The position is responsible for the oversight of the oyster disease Monitoring Project. Duties include ensuring that adequate schedules are compiled and followed for the collection of shellfish for disease analysis, overview laboratory procedures to ensure accurate results, and preparation of annual oyster disease reports. Close contact with outside shellfish pathology experts is common.

This position will function as the state coordinator for an oyster shell recycling project. Coordination of numerous regional coordinators will require organizational and communication skills. The large-scale coordination of the project and the logistical requirements of shell containment and transportation will be the major duties of this position. The partnership will require participation in drafting grant proposals, providing specifications for the acquisition of equipment and services, and communication with federal, state, and local agencies as well private companies and the public.

Statutory Reference for Request: G.S. 113-201

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Presentation to be made by

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Title

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