

**Office of State Budget and Management
Establish New, Receipt-Supported Positions**

(G.S. 143-34.1)

Agency: NC Wildlife Resources Commission

Division: Division of Inland Fisheries

Budget Code: 24350

Center Title: Division of Inland Fisheries - Habitat Conservation Section

Center Number: 2142E

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

Proposed Classification: Wildlife/Fisheries Biologist I **Proposed Salary Grade:** 67

Salary Range: \$26,882 - \$43,484

Proposed Effective Date: 10 / 01 / 03

Number of Positions: 1

	<u>Center Authorized Budget</u>	<u>Current Request</u>
Total Budget	\$ 1,053,280.00	\$ 43,484.00
Receipts	<u>1,053,280.00</u>	<u>43,484.00</u>
Appropriation	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Funding Source(s): State Wildlife Grant (1 position)

Justification for Position (including description of duties and responsibilities):

- Design biological surveys or other data collection to obtain aquatic population data and conduct statistical analysis
- Coordinate surveys for selected aquatic species associated with North Carolina's aquatic ecosystems.
- Prepare reports detailing the assessment of biological surveys or other data collection for inter and intra-agency use for decision making.
- Manage the agency database containing data collected during past and present surveys.
- Conduct inter and intra-agency reviews of major construction environmental documents, permit applications, and special projects and assist in providing technical guidance to local, state, and federal government agencies on an as needed basis.

Due to recent division expansions and reorganization, this additional position is essential in order to fulfill the objectives of the Habitat Conservation Section. This position will add to the aquatic nongame research and survey program. The reorganization of the aquatic nongame program allowed for the distribution of a Wildlife/Fisheries Biologist II covering each of the three regions of North Carolina. With this regional coverage came regional needs and public relations. Each region continues to need aquatic nongame resource assessment and research. The central and mountain region currently has a position to fill this field need and the funding is now available to establish a similar position in the eastern region of the state.

Statutory Reference for Request

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission is charged by General Statute 113-132 with the management, regulation, protection, and conservation of wildlife resources, and inland fisheries in North Carolina. The habitat conservation program allows the Commission to protect, enhance, and restore fisheries habitat and aquatic resources, which results in increased recreational opportunities for sport fishermen and protection for listed species. Land and water disturbing activities such as channelization, riparian area clearing, flow alteration, poor forestry and agricultural practices, hydropower projects, and land development have acted in concert to degrade the environment of sport and nongame aquatic resources.

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Presentation to be made by

Chief Fiscal Officer

Title

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