

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

Agency: NC Wildlife Resources Commission

Division: Division of Conservation Education

Budget Code: 24350

Center Title: Outer Banks Center for Wildlife Education-Habitat Conservation Section

Center Number: 2134& 2141E

*** Position Information ***

Proposed Classification: -Natural Science Curator

Proposed Salary Grade: 65

Salary Range: \$30,451-24,761 - \$39,789

Proposed Effective Date: 01-03/01/04

Number of Positions: 3-1

	<u>Center Authorized Budget</u>	<u>Current Request</u>
Total Budget	\$427,285	\$39,789
Receipts	<u>\$427,285</u>	<u>\$39,789</u>
Appropriation	\$0	\$ 0

Funding Source(s): State Wildlife Grant (2 positions) & The Wildlife Fund

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

The purpose of this position is to serve as an education specialist at the Outer Banks Center for Wildlife Education to facilitate the education of North Carolina's citizens about the state's wildlife and other natural resources and the relationship of human and the environment. To accomplish this task, this position must work closely with the program coordinator and center director to do the following:

- Assist with developing and implementing the center's educational materials and programs;
- Establish goals and objectives for the center;
- Measure the effectiveness of center programs;
- Assist the center director in promoting the center;
- Assist in-service training of volunteer and seasonal employees;
- Assist in supervising volunteers and seasonal employees;
- Develop and produce supporting materials for the center's programs;
- Assist other staff with the center's administrative needs;
- Network with education specialists of other organizations to remain in the mainstream and to spread the knowledge and scope of the center's programs.

This position will be responsible for designing, developing, and implementing the center's programming. Programming will include in-service training for seasonal staff and volunteers, visiting groups with varied academic levels, elementary through higher education, community and special interest groups, campers, tourist groups, families and individuals.

Due to recent division expansions and upcoming hydropower relicensing projects, these additional positions are essential in order to be capable to fulfill the objectives of the Habitat Conservation Section. One position will add to our hydropower relicensing program due to upcoming project negotiations in addition to existing projects. This position will be responsible for developing guidelines, leading in the development of agency policy and coordinating agency involvement in all Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hydropower license renewals. The second position, which will add to our technical guidance program, which routinely will reviews Triangle area construction projects and attends statewide related permitting, environmental, and policy issue meetings. In addition, this position will conduct literature reviews and suggest on-site research needs. The third position will add to the game fish research and survey program. The employee who previously occupied this position was promoted to the research and survey program supervisor position in order to provide a statewide approach to division research efforts. With this promotion, the piedmont region of the state was left without a game fish research coordinator. The re-establishment of this position is badly needed to provide support for management and stocking related issues and several other public concerns.

Statutory Reference for Request

The 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 Division of Conservation Education is responsible for implementing the requirements of G.S. 113-132 by providing formal and informal education to the citizens of the state.

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~~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.~~

Tommy Clark
Presentation to be made by

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