

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

Agency: Department of Environment and Natural Resources **Division:** Marine Fisheries

Budget Code: 14300 **Center Title:** F-25 Artificial Reef Development **Center Number:** 132034752004

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

Proposed Classification: Marine Fisheries Biologist I

Proposed Salary Grade: 67

Salary Range: \$ 30,413.00 -- \$ 31,902.00 (SMR)

Proposed Effective Date: 03 / 01 / 04

Number of Positions: 1

	<u>Center Authorized Budget</u>	<u>Current Request</u>
Total Budget	\$ 127,500	\$ 38,741
Receipts	<u>127,500</u>	38,741
Appropriation	\$	\$

Funding Source(s): Federal Receipts

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

This federally funded project requires a dedicated individual for study administration, fieldwork, and report preparation. Duties include: diving, hook and line fish sampling, biological data collection and data coding, underwater videography and editing, u/w material assessment, vessel operations, diving and sampling equipment maintenance, sampling trip preparation, scheduling, and annual and final report preparation. Results from the analysis will provide information needed by managers to make informed decisions on how to optimize the material resources used in artificial reef construction. Assessment data will continue to maximize benefits of ongoing and future reef construction. This study is scheduled to continue for five years. Therefore, this position necessitates a full-time permanent classification.

Statutory Reference for Request

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