# North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Request to Establish a Receipt-Supported Position

(G.S. 143-34.1)

Agency: NC Wildlife Resources Commission

**Division**: Division of Enforcement

**Budget Code**: 24350

Center Title: <u>Division of Enforcement</u>

Center Number: 2121

### \*\*\* Position Information \*\*\*

Proposed Classification: Wildlife Telecommunicator Proposed Salary Grade: 62

**Salary Range**: \$22,037 - \$34,962\_ **Proposed Effective Date**: 03 / 01 / 04

**Number of Positions**: \_\_1\_

	Center Authorized Budget		<u>Current Request</u>	
Total Budget	\$	1,053,280.00	\$	34,962.00
Receipts	\$	1,053,280.00	\$	34,962.00
Appropriation		\$ 0.00	\$	0.00

Funding Source(s): Wildlife Commission License & Vessel Receipts, US Coast Guard\_\_\_\_

#### Position to be established:

## **Duties/Responsibilities (Work to be performed):**

To staff the Wildlife Enforcement Communications Center on a 24 hour basis, including weekends and holidays. Employees monitor and operate all communications equipment to maintain contact with all field personnel as well as other law enforcement agencies by means of a statewide radio network and Division of Criminal Information network terminals. Monitor eight incoming telephones lines including two watts lines, a microwave line and a PBX switchboard extension to respond to calls from the public including but not limited to violation reports, hunting/ fishing regulations information, license information, boat registration information, nuisance/ injured wildlife and hunter/ boating safety course information ensuring a flow of communications between the public, commission employees and other law enforcement agencies.

#### **Justification of Need of Position:**

(Can this work be performed with existing staff, or can work be performed through contract?)

This position is necessary to maintain 24 hour staffing of the Wildlife Enforcement Communications Center. Temporary positions have proven to be ineffective and expensive due to length of time required to train a person to obtain the DCI Certification and the requirement of DCI Regulations that persons in training be accompanied by a Certified DCI Operator until such time they successfully obtain their certification. It takes approximately half of the allotted one year timeframe of a temporary position to obtain the DCI certification. Upon expiration of position, employees are certified and eligible to seek permanent employment status elsewhere.

# **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.

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Presentation to be made by	Agency Head Signature	
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Title	State Budget Officer Signature	