

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

Agency: Wildlife Resources Commission      Division: Wildlife Management

Budget Code: 24350      Center Title: Wildlife Management      Center Number: 2152

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

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

**Salary Range:** \$ 30,045- \$ 45,462

**Proposed Effective Date:** 5/01/2006

**Number of Positions:** 1 (Time Limited)

	<u>Center Authorized Budget</u>	<u>Current Request</u> (min + fringes)
Total Budget	\$ 1,160,689.00	\$ 38,141.00
Receipts	\$ 1,160,689.00	\$ 38,141.00
Appropriation	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

**Funding Source(s):** 100% cash from T-7-R, a State Wildlife Grant from the FWS allotted annually from the US Congress. State match will be 100% in-kind contributions.

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

The Uwharrie/Pee Dee river region of the Piedmont has been identified by NC's Wildlife Action Plan as one of the highest priority areas for conservation efforts in the Piedmont. To that end, we are creating an organization called the Greater Uwharrie Conservation Partnership to serve as an information clearinghouse and to facilitate joint projects with Partners in the areas of land acquisition, land management, and land use planning. There is a need to have a full time WRC employee to represent the Commission's interests in this Partnership, and to initiate on-the-ground conservation projects. We will not be able to do a sufficient job in acquiring land, encouraging good management, and working with county planners without a new employee who is able to pursue these goals full time.

The Uwharrie/Pee Dee river region is one of the few areas of the Piedmont that has not yet experienced heavy development and thus still provides opportunities for landscape-scale wildlife habitat conservation. It is important that we act now because the opportunities that we have for conservation now will not be available in 5 years.

Represents the Wildlife Resources Commission on the Greater Uwharrie Conservation Partnership steering committee and working groups. This involves coordination and information sharing with partner organizations, and assisting with management of the Partnership.

Initiates and coordinates land protection and management efforts for high-priority conservation areas, including pursuing easements, land acquisition, and participation in conservation programs. Duties will include grant writing, contacting and interacting with landowners,

identifying opportunities for participation in conservation programs, and coordinating with appropriate entities to implement projects.

Engages in land use planning efforts for high-priority conservation areas. Duties will include working with county governments to develop and enhance growth management plans, conservation-friendly zoning, and other planning efforts to support open space conservation.

Participates in and initiates public outreach and education efforts. Outreach efforts will be aimed at increasing the public's awareness of wildlife conservation issues, and changing attitudes and behaviors regarding conservation.

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**Agency:** NC Wildlife Resources Commission  
**Division:** Division of Inland Fisheries

**Budget Code:** 24350  
**Center Title:** Division of Inland Fisheries  
**Center Number:** 2141

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

**Proposed Classification:** Wildlife/Fisheries Biologist II  
**Salary Range:** \$33,790 - \$52,065  
**Number of Positions:** 1

**Proposed Salary Grade:** 70  
**Proposed Effective Date:** 07 / 01 / 06

	<u>Center Authorized Budget</u>	<u>Current Request</u> (min + fringes)
Total Budget	\$ 6,091,082.00	\$ 42,428.00
Receipts	<u>6,091,082.00</u>	<u>42,428.00</u>
Appropriation	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

**Funding Source(s):** New Angler and Socioeconomic Survey Federal Assistance Grant (1) position. This position will be funded through a new federal assistance project commencing July 1, 2006, with 75% of the salary costs reimbursed through the Sport Fish Restoration Program and 25% from the sale of fishing license.

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

This new position will have statewide responsibilities for planning, conducting and evaluating surveys to identify constituent needs, desires, and opinions (i.e., human dimension surveys) and evaluating Division effectiveness in delivering programs that satisfy these sociological variables. The employee will conduct human dimension surveys as part of the new Angler and Socioeconomic Survey Federal Assistance grant. The employee will assist the Commission in achieving marketing goals, including hunter and angler retention objectives. Through conducting human dimensions surveys and coordination with other Division staff, he/she will develop close relationships with other agencies, private organizations, and constituent groups. This is a new position and will not affect any current responsibilities or organizational relationships. The Human Dimensions Biologist will coordinate with Division staff in program evaluations and incorporating human dimensions surveys into ongoing creel surveys.

**Statutory Reference for Request**

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) 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 Inland Fisheries is responsible for the management, development, conservation, protection, and regulation of the state's inland fisheries and supporting ecosystems.

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