

**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:** ~~Wildlife Information & Educ. Spec. I~~    **Proposed Salary Grade:** 68

**Salary Range:** ~~\$30,451~~29,534 – 45,515

**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	\$45,515
Receipts	<u>\$427,285</u>	<u>\$45,515</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 the community services coordinator at the Outer Banks Center for Wildlife Education. This position serves as the coordinator for community services, tourism, and marketing educational programs to increase awareness of North Carolina's wildlife resources. Other duties including writing and coordinating news articles and narratives to inform the public about center programs and workshops, and developing educational materials on center programs and exhibits that can be easily understood by the general public and educators. This position must work closely with the center director and other agency and non-agency personnel to do the following:

- Develop community relations with private, community, civic, governmental agencies and private non-profits;
- Develop, schedule and implement group programs/workshops and special events;
- Correlate the educational needs of schools, universities, camps, youth groups, government units and businesses with the programs offered through the center;
- Increase visibility and utilization of the center through a variety of media and promotional activities;
- Market the center's education programs through presentations, local tourism, Chambers of Commerce and develop special materials for exhibits and displays to inform and educate the public about the center's educational programs and workshops;
- Development and implementation of center programs as well as respond to questions presented by the public;
- Oversight assistance of the general development and maintenance of the facilities as well as recruiting, interviewing, training, scheduling and supervising center volunteers.

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.

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 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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Tommy Clark

Presentation to be made by

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Chief Fiscal Officer

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Agency Head Signature

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State Budget Officer Signature