

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

Agency: N C Wildlife Resources Comm. **Division:** Wildlife Management

Budget Code: 24350 **Center Title:** Wildlife Management **Center Number:** 2151

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

Proposed Classification: Wildlife/Fisheries Biologist I **Proposed Salary:** _____

Salary Range: \$27,882 - \$44,571 **Proposed Effective Date:** 1 / 01 /05

Number of Positions: 1

	<u>Center Authorized Budget</u>	<u>Current Requirements</u>
Total Budget	\$ 4,542,803.00	\$ 44,571.00
Receipts	<u>4,542,803.00</u>	<u>44,571.00</u>
Appropriation	\$ _____	\$ _____

Funding Source(s): USFWS Landowner Incentive Program and WRC endowment fund (CURE)

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

The WRC was awarded a Landowner Incentive program grant totaling \$534,500 in federal monies. It will be matched by \$312,000 in WRC endowment fund monies dedicated to the Cooperative Upland habitat and Enhancement Program (CURE). Approximately \$300,000 is dedicated to funding a position to implement and administer the program for 5 years and \$546,500 will be used for on-the-ground activities including payments to landowners for management practices. A 10,000 acre cooperative will be established in eastern North Carolina focusing on benefits to species at risk including those that are declining to early succession habitat loss.

The employee will work in eastern North Carolina with private landowners, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD), other agencies, and other Wildlife Management Division staff to develop, implement, and monitor wildlife conservation plans on a new CURE area with an at risk species focus. Plan implementation and at risk species monitoring will require development of contracts and coordination with contractors.

Statutory Reference for Request

Tommy Clark

Presentation to be made by

Chief Fiscal Officer

Title

Agency Head Signature

State Budget Officer Signature