

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: 3

	<u>Center Authorized Budget</u>	<u>Current Requirements</u>
Total Budget	\$ 4,542,803.00	\$ 133,713.00
Receipts	<u>4,542,803.00</u>	<u>133,713.00</u>
Appropriation	\$ _____	\$ _____

Funding Source(s): 100% funded by federal funds from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

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

The NRCS has authority for several conservation programs under the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act (2002 Farm Bill) including the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP). The NRCS wishes to partner with the Wildlife Resources Commission and to benefit by the wildlife expertise the state agency offers in putting wildlife friendly programs to work on the ground. To this end, the NRCS has agreed to fund WRC Farm Bill activities up \$212,000 per year for three positions designed to implement conservation programs on the ground.

The employees will work at the local and regional level with landowners, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD), and other Wildlife Management Division staff to develop, implement, and monitor wildlife conservation plans and integrate wildlife management principles into Farm Bill Programs. Also, the employees will work with NCWRC, NRCS and SWCD to provide wildlife habitat training and technical support to landowners, contractors, and agency personnel.

Statutory Reference for Request

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Presentation to be made by

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Title

State Budget Officer Signature