

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: Faunal Diversity

Center Number: 2152

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

Proposed Classification: W/F Biologist I

Proposed Salary Grade: 67

Salary Range: 31,697 – 50,360

Proposed Effective Date: July 1, 2006

Number of Positions: 3

	<u>Center Authorized Budget</u>	<u>Current Request</u> (max + fringes)
Total Budget	\$ 1,266,391.00	\$ 184,987.00
Receipts	\$ 1,266,391.00	\$ 184,987.00
Appropriation	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Funding Source(s):

Two (2) of (3) positions will be funded by Federal State Wildlife Grants Program (75%), nonfederal match includes in-kind contributions and the nongame checkoff (25%). One (1) position 100 % Federal State Wildlife Grant.

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

With new responsibility for implementing the Wildlife Action Plan comes the need to establish WRC personnel familiar with species, their habitats, and the conservation needs of the species across the entire state. This need is not being addressed with current staff within WRC or the broader conservation community. The need for these positions is the direct result of reorganization of priorities and funding through State Wildlife Grants. The existing SWG project coordinating statewide surveys of reptiles and amphibians and NCPARC is being expanded and split into multiple projects with increased funding levels. Numerous species of reptiles and amphibians have been identified in need of conservation attention in the NC Wildlife Action Plan

1. Conducting status and distribution surveys; monitoring species and conservation achievements; research related to habitats or life history; and other conservation activities related to reptiles in the Mountain, Piedmont, and Coastal regions. Special emphasis will be placed on the state-listed species, and/or those with greatest conservation needs identified in the NC Wildlife Action Plan.
2. Assists land managers and others including WRC, State Parks, US Forest Service, USFWS, private corporations, organizations and individuals by providing population status and habitat management guidance to benefit Nongame wildlife. Provide guidance and information through the Commission's Habitat Conservation Program regarding impacts upon regional reptile populations resulting from development and/or permitting actions.
3. Prepares grant applications, plans and reports on the activities and responsibilities of the project.

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4. Responds to requests from other agencies, organizations, and the general public for educational programs and information on reptiles or other WRC programs and projects. Develops educational materials on life histories and habitat requirements.
5. Assists other Nongame or agency staff on endangered species projects, survey and monitoring projects, and other activities throughout the region or state.

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