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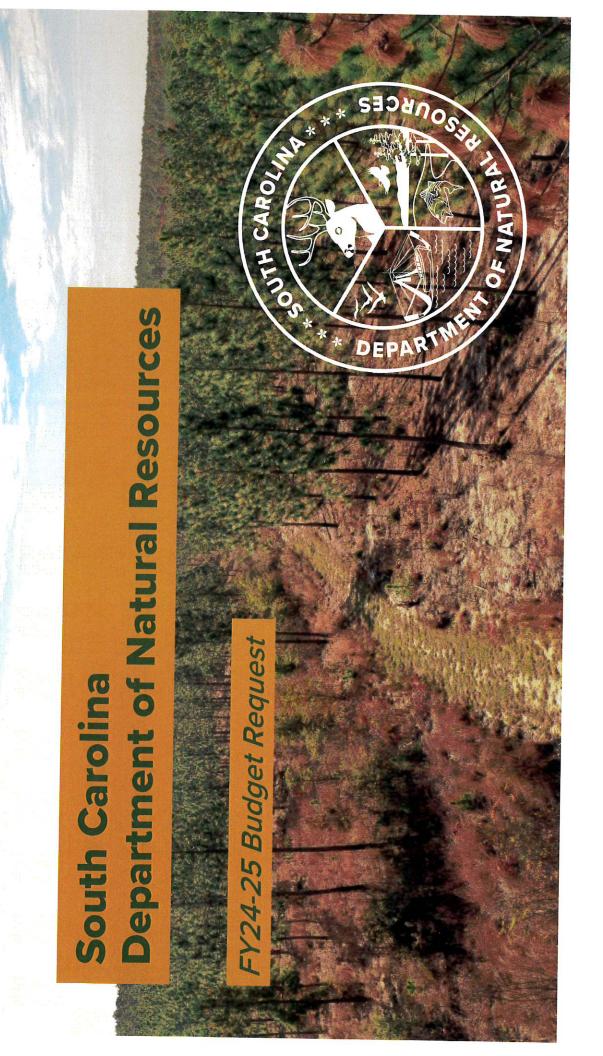
FY 2024-2025 Budget Request

Ways & Means Criminal Justice Subcommittee

January 24, 2024

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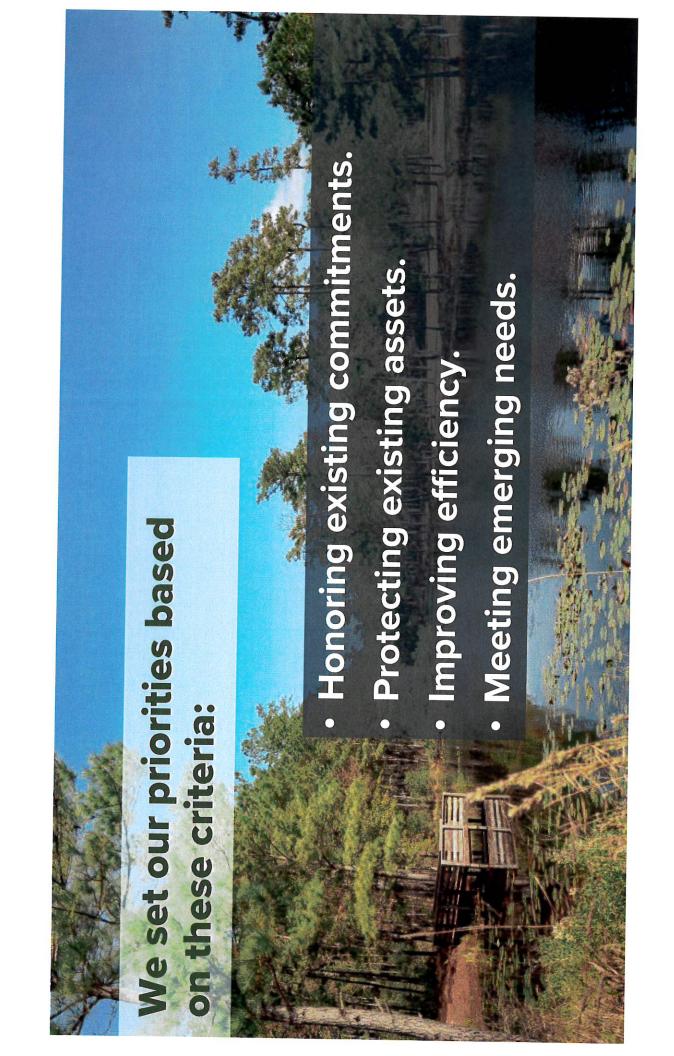
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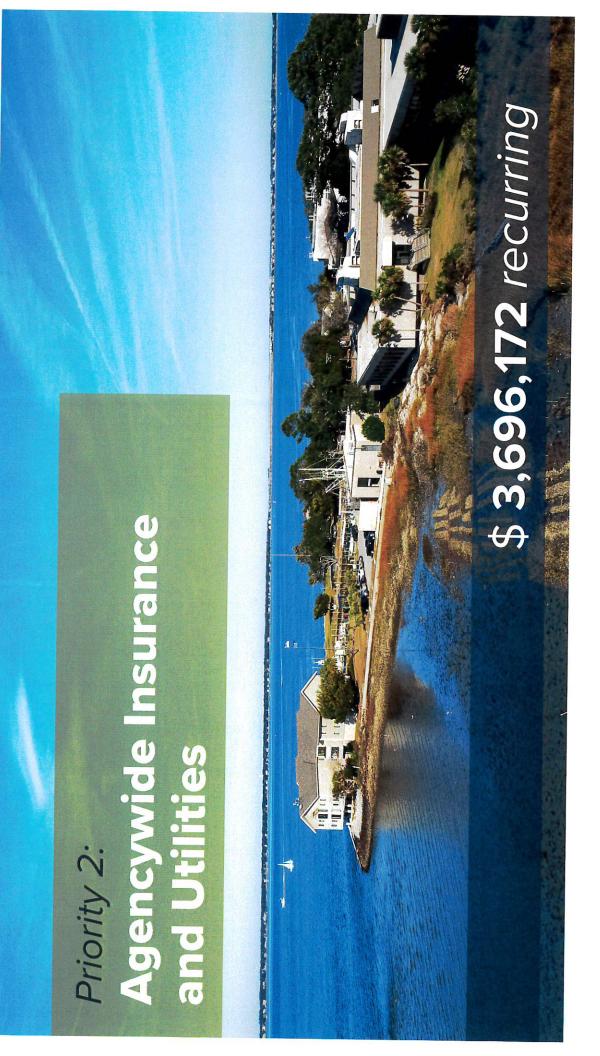
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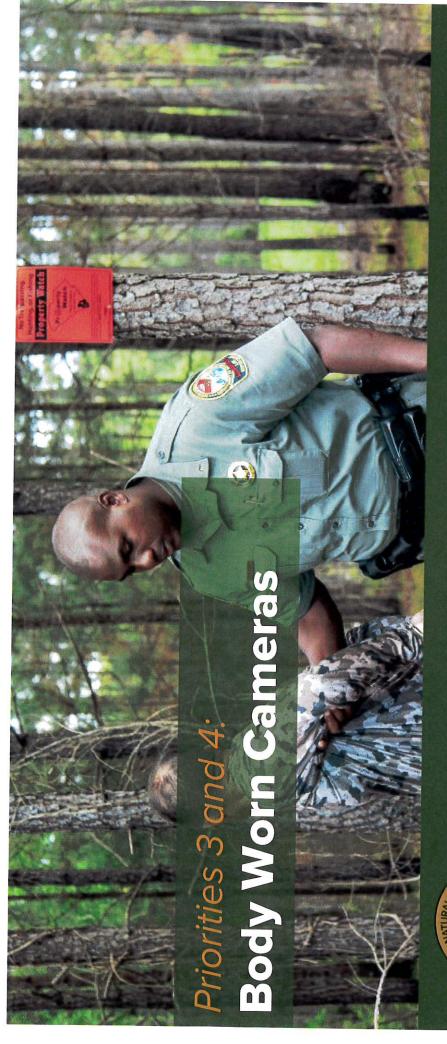
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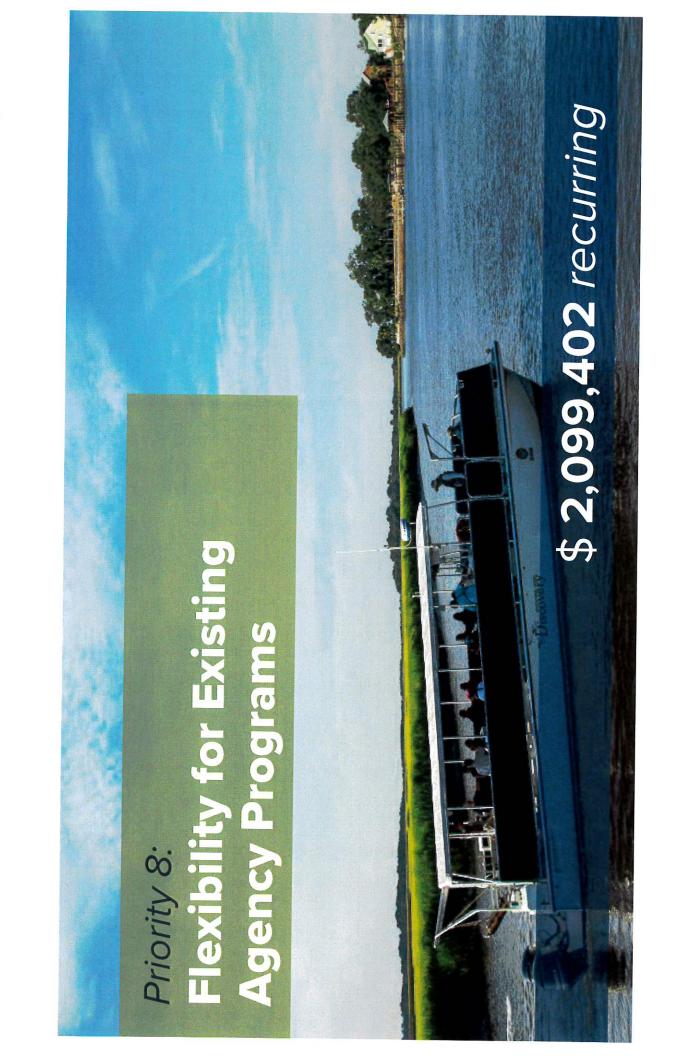
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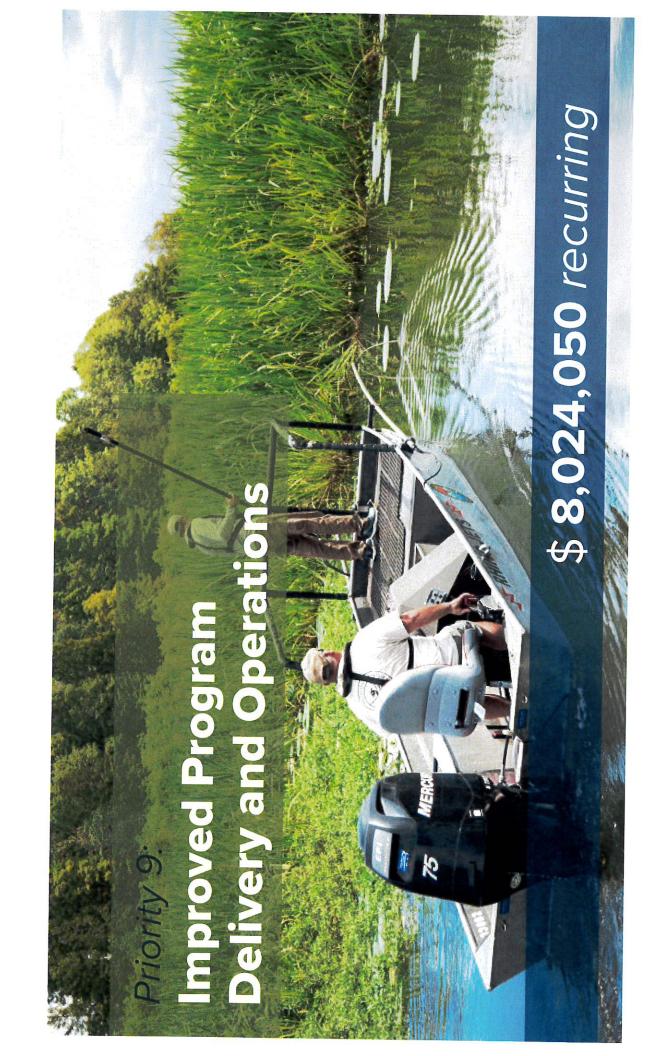


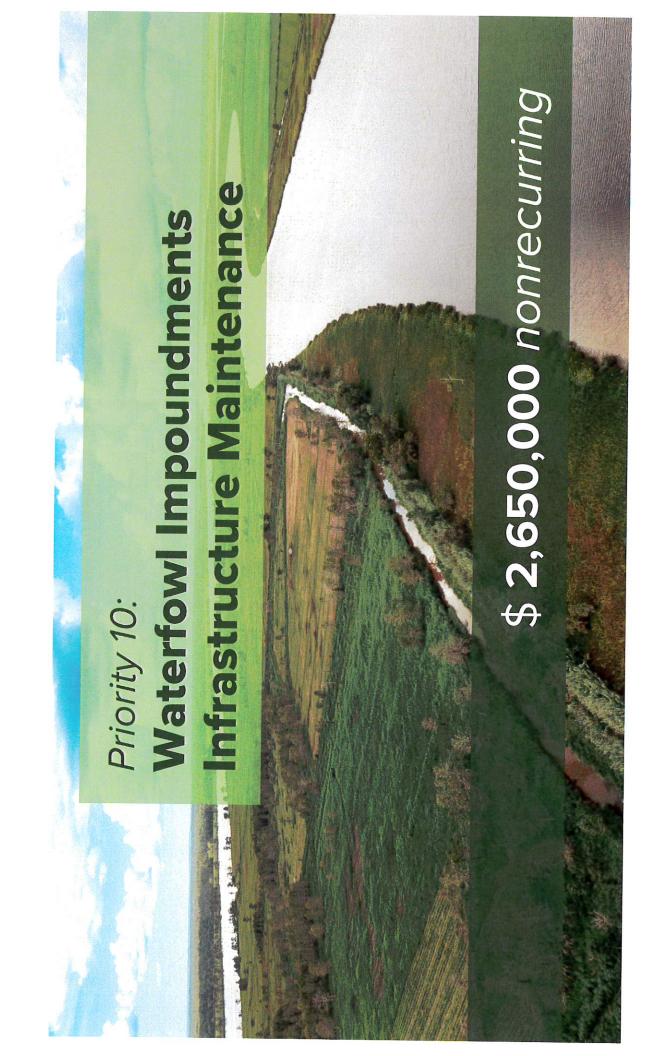


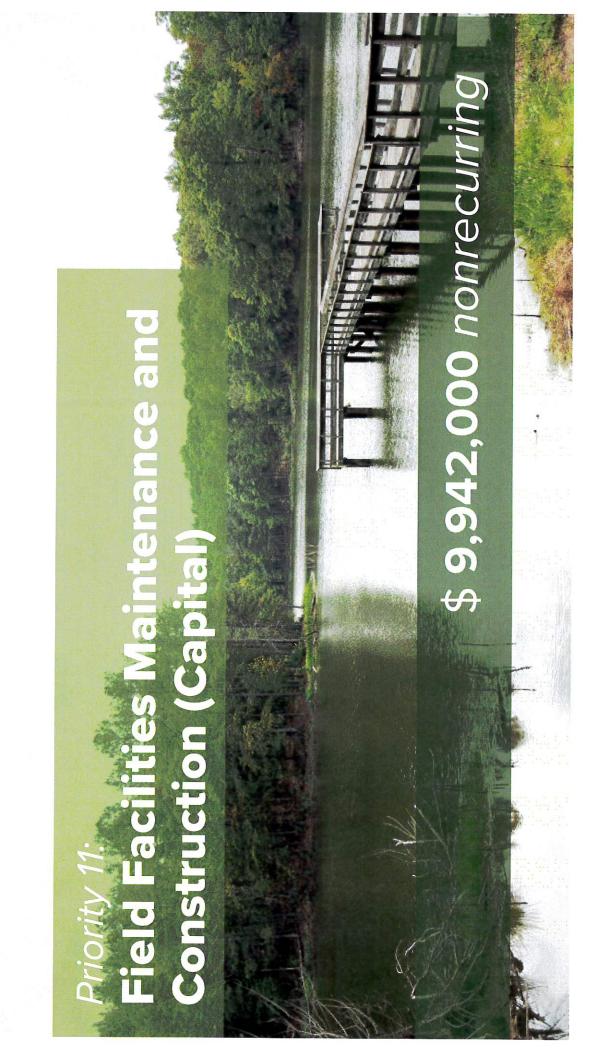


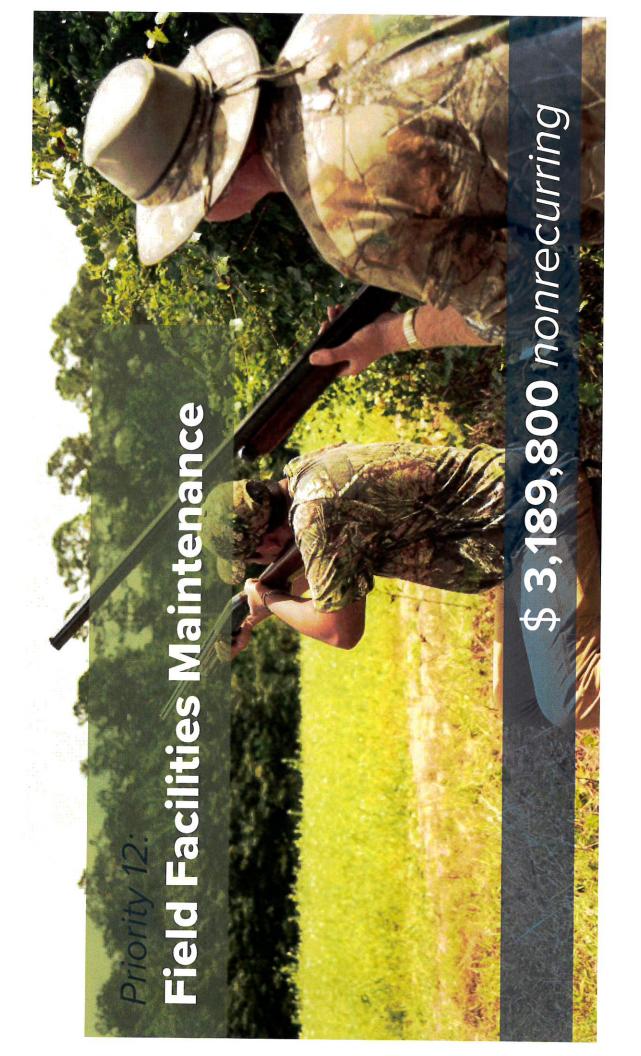




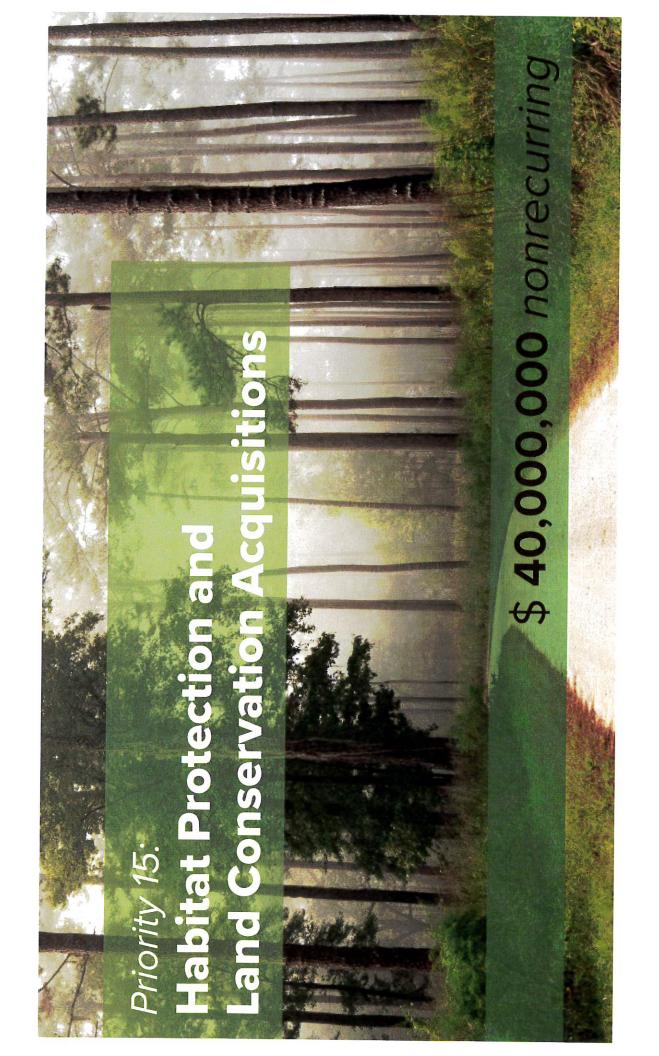












Priority 16: Other and Federal

General Fund Request Totals

Recurring

Nonrecurring

Capital—Infrastructure

Subtotal

Capital—Land Conservation

Total

\$19,539,009

\$18,609,224

\$12,592,000

\$50,740,233

\$40,000,000

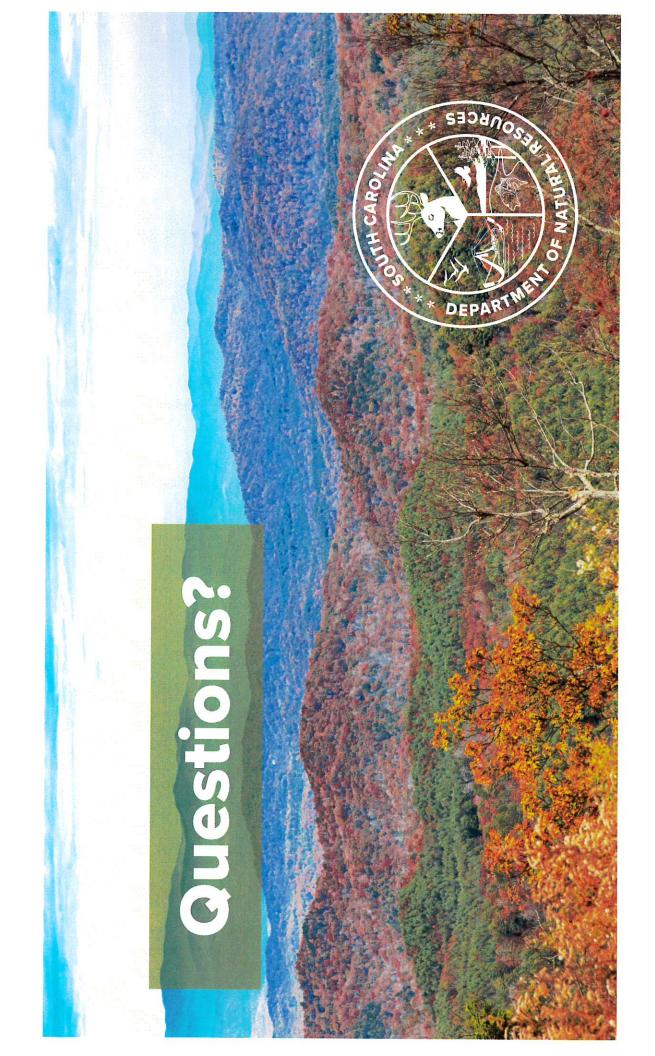
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Proviso Request - Amend 47.16

mpact of the funds on conservation efforts in the State of South Carolina. and/or authorized to the South Carolina Conservation Bank, \$1,000,000 match for the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) or shall be provided to the Department of Natural Resources as the state program. The department annually shall report to the Senate Finance Carolina Conservation Bank regarding utilization of the funds and the Committee, the House Ways and Means Committee, and the South \$3,000,000 as the state match for the Pittman Robertson Wildlife enhancement and restoration projects that benefit waterfowl, and Restoration Act matching Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration grant <u>Coastal Wetlands matching grant programs, or similar wetland</u> (DNR: Matching Grant Programs) Of the funds appropriated

Cost Savings Plans

Budget Line	Program Name	%	
	Administration	178,881	Reduction in supplies and fuel.
II.A.1.	Outreach	121,822	Reduction in outreach media efforts, travel, supplies, and fuel.
II.A.3.	Web Services & Technology Dev.	49,673	Reduction in equipment replacement.
II.B.1.	Boat Titling & Registration	6,927	Reduction in office supplies.
II.D.1.	Wildlife—Regional Operations	161,192	Reduction in Wildlife Management Area management.
II.D.2.	Wildlife - Statewide	16,702	Reduction in supplies and fuel.
II.D.3.	Fisheries–Regional Operations	31,010	Reduction in supplies and fuel.
II.D.4.	Fisheries—Hatcheries/State Lakes	66,552	Reduction in State Lakes maintenance.
II.E.1.	Conservation Enforcement	1,186,442	Reduce vehicle rotation by 18 units and fuel.
I.F.1.	Marine Conservation and Management	92,472	Reduce vehicle rotation by 2 units and fuel.
II.F.2.	Marine Research & Monitoring	52,402	Reduce vehicle rotation by 1 unit and fuel.
II.G.1.	Earth Sciences	128,808	Reduce field travel, supplies and materials for drill rig; reduce vehicle rotation by 1 unit.
II.G.2.	Conservation	30,359	Reduce landowner assistance travel; reduce Aid to Conservation Districts by \$750 per district.
II.G.3.	Heritage Trust	15,892	Reduction in supplies and fuel.
II.G.4.	<u>Environmental Review</u>	3,018	Reduction in office supplies and fuel.
P240	Total	2,169,087	



AGENCY NAME:

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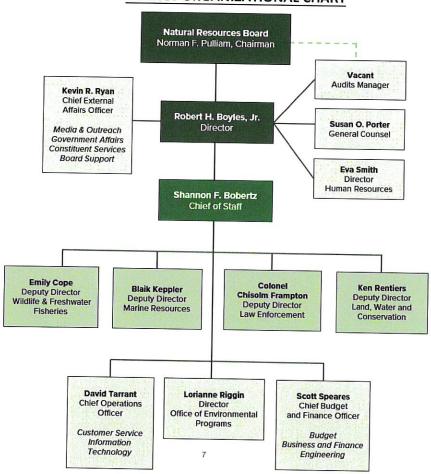
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SECTION:

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AGENCY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



			FY	FY 2024 - 2025 Budget Request	dget Request							
		BUDGET REQUESTS		Separtment of N	P240 Department of Natural Resources							
	Request Type			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		FUNDING				FTES	S	
Priority	(recurring, non- recurring, capital)	Request Title	Brief Description	General - Recurring	General - Nonrecurring	Other	Federal	Total	State	Other	Federal	Total
H	Recurring	Agency Recruitment & Retention	LE Officer Step Increases, Range Coordinators, & Communications Center; Pay Plans; Salary adjustments recommended by Salary Analysis;	1,204,990		602.867	360 907	7 187 50				
2	Recurring	Agency Insurance & Utilities	Funding for Auto, Building, Inland & Ocean Marine, Aircraft and Worker's Compensation policies-revenues aren't able to keep pace with premium increases	3,696,172				+07,001,2 				
m	Recurring	Body Worn Camera Implementation	To maintain equipment, licenses & storage; LE staff to review data; technicians to service equipment and network connectivity.	1,344,488				3,030,172	C			
4	Non-recurring	Body Worn Camera Implementation	Initial acqusition of equipment, licenses, data storage, network infrastructure and installation.		1,151,351			1.151.351	000		*	5.00
ю	Recurring	Technology Equipment Rotation & Communication Lines	Funding to ensure 3-5 year technology equipment replacement cycles are standard. Funding for enhanced PCI certification, due to increased ransaction volume, and improve security and functionality for all office Communication Lines network connections.	1,410,075				1410.075				
9	Recurring	+	Funding to improve annual replacement rotation for aluminum and fiberglass boats w/motors.	1,055,250			The second secon	1,055,250			S BEST ENTRE A	
7	Non-recurring	Agency Equipment	Replace LE aircraft, Research Vessel refit, LE boats, LE trucks, Geology seismic equipment, Amphibious trackhoe, new property start up		9,033,073			9,033,073				
∞	Recurring F	Flexibility for Existing Agency Programs (Offset Fed and Restricted Funds)	Flexibility for Heritage Trust Archeologists, Water Recreation Engineers; Diadromous Fisheries offset for lost Federal funding and allocating Morgan Island revenue.	2,099,402			The state of the s	2,099,402				
ō	li Recurring	Improved Program o	Additional structural changes for Law Enforcement, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, Land & Conservation, and Administrative Services to improve delivery of services and accountability to the Public.	8,024,050				8,024,050	47.00			47.00

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		BUDGET REQUESTS			na parameter and a parameter a	FUNDING				L		
Priority	Request Type (recurring, non-	Request Title	Brief Description	General - Recurring	General -	Other		Total	9	T LES	4	
10	Capital	Waterfowl Impoundments Infrastructure &	Category 1 Waterfowl Areas maintenance.		2,650,000			2.650.000	אפוב	au o	rederal	lotal
11	Capital	Field Facilities Maintenance & Construction	5 Fish Hatchery and 3 WMA major repairs and construction, Bennett's Point final phase.		9,942,000			9.942.000				
12	Non-recurring	Field Facilities Maintenance	Dove Field fencing, Phragmities control, ADA compliance, WMA Building/Sheds repair, Historic Structures survey		3,189,800			3.189.800				
13	Recurring	State Resilience Initiative	Funding for DNR portions of the Statewide Strategic Resilience & Risk Reduction Plan. Recurring funds for 8 additional weather stations, Flood Innundaton Mapping softwarelicenses and staff to support data collection, interpretation and accessibility.	704,582				704,582	00.4			4.00
14	Non-recurring	State Resilience Initiative	Funding for DNR portions of the Statewide Strategic Resilience & Risk Reduction Plan. Non-recurring funds for 8 additional weather stations, instrumentation and set-up of new stations and Flood Innundation Map Modelling.		5.235.000			5 235 000			The State of the S	
15	Capital	Habitat Protection and Land Conservation Acquisitions			40,000,000			40.000.000				
16	Recurring	Other & Federal Funds Authority	Other & Federal Funds Authority for 5% GI, new projects and Authority grants.			4,531,672	602,867	5,134,539		8.00	1.00	9.00
		TOTAL BUDGET REQUESTS		\$ 19,539,009	\$ 71,201,224	\$ 5,134,539 \$	\$ 963,774	\$ 96,838,546	56.00	8.00	1.00	65.00

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Fiscal Year FY 2024-2025 Agency Budget Plan

FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

OPERATING REQUESTS	For FY 2024-2025, my agency is (mark	("X"):	
OT EIGHT IN OREQUESTS	X Requesting General Fund Appro	opriations.	
(FORM B1)	X Requesting Federal/Other Author	orization.	
(1 0 1 1 1 2 1)	Not requesting any changes.		
NON-RECURRING	E EV 2024 2025		
	For FY 2024-2025, my agency is (mark		
REQUESTS	X Requesting Non-Recurring App		
	Requesting Non-Recurring Fede	ral/Other Authorization.	
(FORM B2)	Not requesting any changes.		
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CAPITAL REQUESTS	For FY 2024-2025, my agency is (mark		
(FORM C)	X Requesting funding for Capital F	Projects.	
(FORM C)	Not requesting any changes.		
	E EV 2024 2025		
PROVISOS	For FY 2024-2025, my agency is (mark		
	Only requesting a new proviso and/or	substantive changes to existing provisos.	
(FORM D)	X Not requesting any proviso chan	o changes (such as date references).	
	Not requesting any proviso chan	ges.	
Please identify your agency's prefe	erred contacts for this year's budge	t nrocess	
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	<u>Name</u>	Phone	Email
PRIMARY CONTACT:	Scott Speares	(803) 734-3634	spearess@dnr.sc.gov
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I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2024-2025 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

PAGES B. ARRICHARD ARRICH RESISTANCE TO BE JOHN	Agency Director	Board or Commission Chair
SIGN/DATE:		
TYPE/PRINT NAME:		

This form must be signed by the agency head - not a delegate.

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)]	RM B1 – REC	RM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING R	RM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

TITLE

Employee Recruitment and Retention

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: \$1,204,990 Federal: \$360,907

Other: \$602,867

Total: \$2,168,764

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2024-2025? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS

0.00

Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REOUEST Mark "X" for all that apply:

X Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
IT Technology/Security related
Consulted DTO during development
Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:

Education, Training, and Human Development
Healthy and Safe Families
Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
X Government and Citizens

Requested funding addresses the following in the accountability report:

(a) 2.12.3 Conserve and protect the state's natural resources for social, economic, recreational, and commercial benefit while providing maximum human utilization through: (1) the development of public support through outreach, education, and safety programs; (2) the preservation of the peace and protection of human lives

and property;, and (3) the enforcement of the state's criminal laws through the detection, apprehension, and prosecution of persons who violate those laws.

- (b) **3.0** Sustain the State's living marine resources for cultural, recreational, commercial and economic benefit of the state's citizens and visitors.
- (c) 1.0: Develop and Implement programs that study, manage and conserve the State's land resources through planning, research, technical assistance, public education and the development of a comprehensive natural resources database.

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.1: Provide reliable, science based information to decision makers and the public on earth science, climate, and flood mitigation research and activities; land, soil and

river conservation. Measures 1.1.1, 1.1.4

- 1.2: Provide reliable information and technical assistance to enhance and improve conservation efforts in the state. Measures 1.2.11.2.3
- 1.3: Monitor and protect cultural and other resources throughout the state on Heritage Trust properties and provide culturally related recreational/educational opportunities. Measures 1.3.11.3.3 (c) 3.0 Sustain the State's living marine resources for cultural, recreational, commercial and economic benefit

of the state's citizens and visitors.

- (d) 4.1 Conserve and protect freshwater fish and wildlife species in South Carolina.
- 4.3 Provide quality hunting and freshwater fishing opportunities throughout South Carolina.
- (e) 5.0 Continuously evaluate and improve administrative and business processes, efficiency, effectiveness,

and internal/external service delivery with a focus on transparency, communications, accountability, and the integration of new technologies.

What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

Classification Description	FTEs		State		Federal	Earmarked	Restricted
Salary Actions	63.00	\$	35,625	\$	74,813	\$ 25,607	\$ 65,330
Employer Contributions	63.00	\$	10,331	\$	21,696	\$ 7,426	\$ 18,946
		\$	45,956	\$	96,509	\$ 33,033	\$ 84,276
		Per	sonal Service	es >		\$ 201,375	
		Emp	oloyer Cont	ributi	ons >	\$ 58,399	
		Tota	al Request	>			\$ 259,774

(e) Executive Office Pay Plan: 60 staff in the Executive Office are eligible for a 3% Additional Knowledge and Skills adjustment after meeting the required performance, training, and length of service plan standards. 18 staff members are recommended for Special Salary Adjustments following completion of the Salary Analysis in May 2023. 28 staff members have been recommended for Pay for Performance increase and 8 for Reclassification.

Classification Description	FTEs		State		Federal	Earmarked		Restricted
Salary Actions	114.00	\$	302,886	\$	813	\$ 56,713	Ś	137,108
Employer Contributions	114.00	\$	87,837	\$	236	\$ 16,447	\$	39,761
		\$	390,723	\$	1,049	\$ 73,160	\$	176,869
		Per	sonal Service	es >		\$ 497,520		
		Em	ployer Cont	ributi	ons >	\$ 144,281		
		Tot	al Request				\$	641,801

Total Request

Classification Description		State		Federal	Earmarked	Restricted
Salary Actions	\$	934,101	\$	279,773	\$ 116,529	\$ 350,810
Employer Contributions	\$	270,889	\$	81,134	\$ 33,793	\$ 101,735
	\$	1,204,990	\$	360,907	\$ 150,322	\$ 452,545
	Pe	rsonal Servic	es >		\$ 1,681,213	
	Em	ployer Cont	ribut	ions >	\$ 487,552	
	To	tal Request				\$ 2,168,765

Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.

RECIPIENTS OF **FUNDS**

Insurance Reserve Fund, and state contract vendors providing specialty insurance for certain items.

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

The department requests \$3,696,172 in recurring General Funds to allow revenue and federal funds currently funding expenses for insurances (State, Non-State and Workers Compensation) and utilities (Water & Sewer, Natural/Propane Gas and Electricity) for regional and field offices, to be reprogrammed to support core functions of wildlife, freshwater fisheries and marine resources field operations and research.

State Insurance, including vehicle and tort insurance costs for the department, have increased \$626,394/year, a 56% over

Non-State Insurances, including Ocean Marine and Aircraft policies, have increased \$39,771/year, a 36% increase over the last four years.

Workers Compensation Insurance has increased \$66,638/year, an 8.9% increase over the last five years.

Utilities have increased \$119,780/year, a 16% increase over the last five years.

Other than increases effective in FY 2022 for several Saltwater Recreational Licenses and a temporary five-year increase to the State Migratory Waterfowl Permit, all other license fees have not been increased for at least 20 years.

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

		INSU	RANCE POLICY T	OTALS	
	FY23	FY22	FY21	FY20	FY19
INSURANCE-STATE					
Auto Liability	384,552.00	414,540.00	388,080.00	396,900.00	327,560.00
Data Processing	13,950.00		11,160.00	11,160.00	9,778.32
Buildings	389,513.61	361,839.87	381,484.08	371,112.74	296,773.31
Inland Marine	333,749.00	310,537.56	295,293.01	272,016.44	217,287.28
Auto Comp & Collision	1,237.54	1,365.54	1,460.33	1,325.06	909.70
Tort	591,551.00	543,109,00	572,460.00	238,556.00	179,853.00
Ocean Marine			,	230,330.00	69,277.56
Adjustment	13,280.43				09,277.56
	1,727,833.58	1,631,391.97	1,649,937.42	1,291,070.24	1,101,439.17
INSURANCE-NON STATE					2,202, 133.27
Ocean Marine	76,148.00	78,082.00	67,097.84	62,640.00	
Drone Policy	5,789.00	5,789.00	4,901.00	3,497.00	
Commercial Aircraft Policy	66,658.00	59,900.00	46,957.00	42,687.00	39,502.00
	148,595.00	143,771.00	118,955.84	108,824.00	39,502.00
WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE			(11.36)		33,302.00
Workers' Compensation	808,103.38	820,285.98	783,984.14	832,004.32	741,465.00
	2,684,531.96	2,595,448.95	2,552,877.40	2,231,898.56	1,882,406.17
			UTILITIES		
Water & Sewer	78,122.96	71,755.99	81,183.67	64,415.35	68,570.59
Gas	109,227.41	102,330.32	89,982.75	74,637.76	57,494.23
Electricity	782,537.97	735,801.20	686,927.62	693,464.08	724,042.67
	969,888.34	909,887.51	858,094.04	832,517.19	850,107.49
	3,654,420.30	3,505,336.46	3,410,971.44	3,064,415.75	2,732,513.66

This request will also increase efficiency when processing invoice payments. Currently these expenses are funded from as many as 50 different accounts, making the most of available funds. Consequently, this decreases the availability of license revenue and grant awards for management and research functions.

Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation

of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.

Key expenses for implementing the BWC system include the following.

 $Storage/warranty/license - \$497,348\\ Management Fleet Service (R1900 - 5YR) Billed monthly - \$375.00 X 12 = \$ 4500.00\\ Data Plan per officers per Statewide contract through Verizon - 350 X $38.00 per unit = $13,300 $13,300 X 12 months = $159,600$

Additionally, we are requesting two (2) JC40/07- 1st SGT new FTEs \$86,061 + \$42,170 fringe = \$128,231, for a total of \$256,462. These 2 commissioned positions will be responsible for the oversight and management of the Body Worn Camera Program which include inventory, training, deployment, system evaluation, policy and procedure review and evaluation, and maintenance of the program's hardware and software systems. Each officer has an annual minimal operating cost of \$39,855, totaling \$79,710.

Estimated total: \$336,172.

Two (2) Endpoint Technician I staff members will respond to Body Worn Camera operating and technical field issues and base out of the Florence and Greenville offices. The Charleston and Columbia areas will already be covered. A dedicated Endpoint Technician II will lead maintenance, issue resolution efforts and coordinate technician BWC training. Other operating expenses to primarily cover fuel, insurance, cell phones, licenses, equipment, etc. will cost \$12,260 per technician.

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

2.00 Endpoint tech I 64,885 + 31,794=96,679 x 2 = \$193,357

1.00 Endpoint Tech II 78,343 + 38,388= \$116,731

Other operating, computers, fuel, insurance, phone \$36,780

Estimated total: \$346,868.

Classification Description	FTEs	į	Base Salary Per FTE		Employer Contributions Per FTE	Tot	al Personal Services	1	Total Employer Contributions
JC40 - 1st SGT	2.00	\$	86,061	\$	42,170	\$	172,122	\$	84,340
AM65 - Endpoint Tech I	2.00	\$	64,885	\$	31,794	\$	129,770	\$	63,587
AM66 - Endpoint Tech II	1.00	\$	78,343	\$	38,388	\$	78,343	\$	38,388
		FT	Es>		5.00				
		Pe	rsonal Serv	ice	s >	\$	380,235		
		En	p <mark>loyer Co</mark> n	tril	butions >	ille		\$	186,315
Other Operating Expenses		Pe	r FTE	To	otal				
Officers		\$	39,855	\$	79,710			_	
Technicians		\$	12,260	\$	36,780				
		Ind	lividual Equ	ipr	nent/Expen:	\$	116,490		
Storage , warranties, license	25			\$	497,348				
Fleet Services Management	(\$375.	00 x	12)	\$	4,500				
Data plan all officers (\$38.00	x 350 =	\$13	,300 x 12)	\$	159,600				
			ems, Equipm al Other Op		t, Software ating Expense	\$	661,448	\$	777,938
			al Request					\$	1,344,488

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Telecommunication Costs and Standardization

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

DNR has over 37+ locations utilizing various communications/data circuits to connect employees to critical resources. Due to budget constraints, DNR is using Internet circuits provided by cable companies to provide essential access to technical resources. In many cases these circuits provide "Best Effort" connectivity and do not provide any level of QoS. The lack of quality MPLS circuits, providing QoS standards limits the ability of DNR to properly monitor and ensure users are provided with the critical bandwidth needed to perform their job duties.

- <u>Network Connectivity:</u> Install MPLS network circuits/connections to DNR Data Center for all DNR sites.
 <u>Impact:</u> Significant increase in network performance and improved ability to manage each DNR locations circuit.
- <u>Security</u>: Installation of MPLS commercial grade circuits will permit SCDNR to implement uniform log and SEIM monitoring.

Impact: Improve monitoring and create a central feed of logs to both the SCDNR SEIM and the State SOC SEIM. This will permit very timely responses to security incidents.

Total Communication Costs - FY 2023	1,219,584.00
Portion currently paid from General Fund	(420,695.00)
Improved capacity for offices	50,966.00
Telecommunications costs & standardization	849,855.00

Costs for telecommunication services represent significant amounts borne by the various revenue sources DNR has available. Freeing this revenue for use in the field will offset increasing operating costs. To provide sufficient band width for all locations using secured circuits \$50,966 is included in this request. Total costs are **\$849,855**.

Other Operating Expenses	Per	FTE	To	al				
210 Laptops/year	\$	1,310	\$	275,100				
210 Docking Stations/year	\$	277	\$	58,170				
30 Desktops/year	\$	1,200	\$	36,000				
120 Monitors/year	\$	300	\$	36,000				
			\$	405,270				
CISO-Annual PCI Certification			\$	154,950				
Telecommunications costs & stan	dardiza	tion	\$	849,855				
	Equi	pment Ro	tatio	on	\$	405,270		
	CISO	and Tele	com	munication	Lines	10000	\$	1,004,805
	Tota	l Request	>				Ś	1,410,075

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800 hours of use. Based on the state contract boat/motor/trailer package costs below, the current backlog of older boats and motors would cost \$6,379,000 to clear. It would be impractical to attempt clearing the backlog at one time. The FY 2024 Appropriations Act provided \$1,005,000 for boat rotation which is a start.

Current Boat Contract Costs

19 Foot Pioneer Law Enforcement Outfitted fiberglass boat packages: \$75,000.00

Blackhawk Aluminum Law Enforcement Outfitted boat packages: \$ 32,000.00

Additionaly, Law Enforcement will hire 40 new FTEs during FY 2024 and will need boats:

- Most officers are assigned 1 aluminum boat upon assignment to a county or region.
 2 officers share responsibilities for a 19 Ft fiberglass boat within a county.

Based on state contract pricing, providing boats for 40 new officers would cost the following.

20 boats x \$75,000.00 = \$1,500,000.00

40 boats x \$32,000.00 = 1,280,000.00

Total: \$2,780,000.00

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

Year Boats	Number of		Number of					Salarin da
reach end of	Aluminum	\$ 32,000 Current	Fiberglass	\$7	5,000 Current			Total Curren
15 yr useful	boats at 15	Boat/Motor			Boat/Motor	Total		Boat/Motoe
life	years old	Trailer Cost	years old		Trailer Cost	Boats		Trailer Cos
2022 & prior	47	\$ 1,504,000	65	\$	4,875,000	112	\$	6,379,000
2023	9	\$ 288,000	19	\$	1,425,000	28	5	1,713,000
2024	2	\$ 64,000	8	\$	600,000	10	Ś	664,000
2025	4	\$ 128,000	3	\$	225,000	7	\$	353,000
2026	6	\$ 192,000	12	\$	900,000	18	3	1,092,000
2027	51	\$ 1,632,000	22	\$	1,650,000	73	Ś	3,282,000
2028	9	\$ 288,000	4	\$	300,000	13	\$	588,000
2029	10	\$ 320,000	7	\$	525,000	17	\$	845,000
2030	8	\$ 256,000	7	\$	525,000	15	\$	781,000
2031	18	\$ 576,000	3	\$	225,000	21	\$	801,000
2032	11	\$ 352,000	5	\$	375,000	16	\$	727,000
2033	11	\$ 352,000	7	\$	525,000	18	\$	877,000
2034	6	\$ 192,000	6	\$	450,000	12	\$	642,000
2035	5	\$ 160,000	6	\$	450,000	11	\$	610,000
2036	1	\$ 32,000	4	\$	300,000	5	\$	332,000
2037	11	\$ 352,000	3	\$	225,000	14	\$	577,000
2038	4	\$ 128,000	2	\$	150,000	6	\$	278,000

To make progress toward clearing the backlog and procuring boats for new FTEs, the following recurring funding is requested.

\$ 75,000.00 X 7 boats: \$525,000.00

\$ 32,000.00 X 15 boats: \$480,000.00

Outboard Motor Replacements: \$ 50,250

Total = \$1,055,250

Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.

Classification Description	FTEs		State		Federal	Earmarked		Restricted
Classified Positions	2.60	\$	149,449	\$	-	\$	\$	(149,449)
Employer Contributions		\$	73,230	\$		\$ _	\$	(73,230)
		\$	222,679	\$	-	\$ -	\$	(222,679)
Fuel and Supplies		\$	35,000				\$	(35,000)
		Per	sonal Service	es >	147	\$		
		Em	ployer Cont	ribution	ıs >	\$ -		
		Oth	er Operatir	ng		\$ -		
		Tot	al Request :	>			¢	

(b) Funds will support the Diadromous Fisheries Project. Due to a reduction in other funds, this replacement funding is critical to sustaining this fishery and meeting management and compliance requirements for interjurisdictional species. We previously had staff in temporary grant positions to conduct these activities but do not have anyone in them at this time due to funding shortages

The 2 Program Manager positions will allow us to transition both our wildlife and fisheries chiefs to state appropriated funds which will allow for their current funding to be allocated into project operations and on-the-ground management. Funding would change for a total of 3.36 FTEs.

Classification Description	FTEs		State		Federal		Earmarked		Restricted
Classified Positions	3.36	\$	282,155	\$	(229,897)	\$	-	\$	(52,258)
Employer Contributions		\$	138,256	\$	(112,650)	50	-	\$	(25,606)
		\$	420,411	\$	(342,547)	\$	-	\$	(77,864)
		Per	sonal Service	es >		\$	=		
		Em	ployer Cont	ribu	tions >	\$	· -		
		Tot	al Request :	>				Ś	

(c) Having flexibility to utilize the expertise of our Engineering staff for surveys and building consultations would allow a modest amount of work to be performed for internal programs and external entities in collaborative situations. This would create efficiencies for project work.

Classification Description	FTEs		State		Federal	Earmarked		Restricted
Classified Positions	0.70	\$	51,519	\$		\$ (51,519)	\$	
Employer Contributions		\$	25,244	\$		\$ (25,244)	-	
		\$	76,763	\$		\$ (76,763)		-
		Per	sonal Service	es >		\$ -		
		Emp	oloyer Cont	ribution	ıs >	\$ -		
		Tota	al Request	Contract			4	

(d) Funds would partially restore state funding so that the Marine Resources division programs and projects can best serve South Carolina's coastal resources. It would equilibrate the funding distribution so that the Division operates under a healthy mix of state, federal, and revenue sources. This would allow for more comprehensive and proactive research and management of marine resources while maintaining the ability to compete for federal funding that would maximize benefits for the State's marine resources. Lease revenue could be used to perform deferred maintenance on division facilities and ocean-going vessels. Funding would change for a total of 10.34 FTEs.

Classification Description	FTEs		State		Federal	Earmarked	Restricted
Classified Positions	10.34	\$	583,820	\$	-	\$ -	\$ (583,820)
Employer Contributions		\$	286,072	\$	-	\$ 	\$ (286,072)
		\$	869,892	\$	•	\$ -	\$ (869,892)
Contracts, utilities, maintena	ance	\$	474,657				\$ (474,657)
		Per	sonal Service	es >		\$	
		Em	ployer Cont	ributio	ons >	\$ _	
		Oth	er Operatir	ng		\$ -	
		Tot	al Request :	>			\$ •

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

Agency	Name:
Agency	Code:

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FORM B1 - RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

9

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Improved Program Delivery and Operations

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: \$8,024,050

Federal: \$0

Other: \$0

Total: \$8,024,050

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2024-2025? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive

NEW POSITIONS

47.00

Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

FUNDS

Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:

Education, Training, and Human Development

Healthy and Safe Families

Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security

Public Infrastructure and Economic Development

Government and Citizens

Conserve and protect the state's natural resources for social, economic, recreational, and commercial benefit while providing maximum human utilization through: (1) the development of public support through outreach, education, and safety programs; (2) the preservation of the peace and protection of human lives and property; and (3) the enforcement of the state's criminal laws through the detection, apprehension, and prosecution of persons who violate those laws.

2.1-2.3 - Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security

Conserve and protect the state's natural resources for social, economic, recreational, and commercial benefit while providing maximum human utilization through: (1) the development of public support through outreach, education, and safety programs; (2) the preservation of the peace and protection of human lives and property; and (3) the enforcement of the state's criminal laws through the detection, apprehension, and prosecution of persons who violate those laws.

ACCOUNTABILITY OF

- 4.1.1 Acres of habitat owned by SCDNR and managed to promote species diversity and richness through planting, maintenance and wetlands enhancement.
- 4.1.2 At-risk, threatened, and endangered species protected, monitored, and managed following state and/or federal law.
- 4.1.3 Number of constituents and contacts who attended organized public presentations and workshops to enhance awareness of conservation and natural resources or contacted SCDNR for technical assistance including but not limited to nuisance wildlife issues, wildlife species information, and management advice.
- 4.2.1 Number of fish hatcheries operated and maintained at a level to meet management demands.
- 4.2.2 Number of fish needed to meet demand for public water stocking.
- 4.3.1 Acreage of Wildlife Management Area Program land available to provide hunting opportunities to the public.
- 4.3.2 Number of state lakes maintained and open to the public for fishing.
- 4.3.3 Number of deer quota cooperators, specialty permits issued, lottery hunt participants, and participants in WFF division hunting/fishing events and programs.

What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

Personal Services: Candidates qualified and hired to fill FTEs.

Other Operating: Goods and services for program operations obtained by following the state procurement code. Most of these expenditures would be provided through state contract vendors.

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

		E	Base Salary	,	Employer Contributions	tal Personal	T	otal Employer
Classification Description	FTEs		Per FTE		Per FTE	Services		Contributions
JC50-LE Officer V (Captain)	1.00	\$	107,776	\$	52,810	\$ 107,776	1000	52,810
JC40-LE Officer IV((1ST SG'	1.00	\$	80,061	\$	39,230	\$ 80,061	\$	39,230
JC20-LE Officer II	10.00	\$	53,000	\$	25,970	\$ 530,000	\$	259,700
BA30-Communications Spe	6.00	\$	37,849	\$	18,546	\$ 227,094	\$	111,276
AH10-Administrative Coor	1.00	\$	53,957	\$	26,439	\$ 53,957	\$	26,439
AH40-Program Coord II	5.00	\$	64,885	\$	31,794	\$ 324,425	\$	158,968
AH45-Program Manager I	2.00	\$	78,343	\$	38,388	\$ 156,686	\$	76,776
AH50-Program Manager II	1.00	\$	95,327	\$	46,710	\$ 95,327	\$	46,710
HA25-GIS Analyst	1.00	\$	53,957	\$	26,439	\$ 53,957	\$	26,439
HA30-GIS Manager I	1.00	\$	64,885	\$	31,794	\$ 64,885	\$	31,794
LC05-Geologic Technician	1.00	\$	44,977	\$	22,039	\$ 44,977	\$	22,039
LC30-Geologist II	1.00	\$	78,343	\$	38,388	\$ 78,343	\$	38,388
LE10-Veterinarian	1.00	\$	78,343	\$	38,388	\$ 78,343	\$	38,388
LE70-Wildlife Biologist III	2.00	\$	64,885	\$	31,794	\$ 129,770	\$	63,587
LE90-Natural Res Tech II	6.00	\$	37,605	\$	18,426	\$ 225,630	\$	110,559
LE97-Natural Res Tech IV	1.00	\$	53,957	\$	26,439	\$ 53,957	\$	26,439
KC35-Trade Specialist III	1.00	\$	53,957	\$	26,439	\$ 53,957	\$	26,439
AE30-Attorney III	1.00	\$	78,343	\$	38,388	\$ 78,343	\$	38,388
AG46-Training Director	1.00	\$	78,343	\$	38,388	\$ 78,343	\$	38,388
AN25-Audits Manager II	1.00	\$	95,327	S	46,710	\$ 95,327	\$	
BE20-Grants Coordinator II	1.00	\$	53,957	\$	26,439	\$ 53,957	\$	46,710
AC30-Procurement Mgr I	1.00	\$	64,885	\$	31,794	\$ 64,885	\$	26,439
Seasonal Staff (Wildlife)		\$	78,125	\$	21,875	\$ 78,125	\$	31,794 21,875
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Total Request > \$ 8,024,050

Subtotal \$7,600

Technology:

Cloud Services and Storage: \$25,000Cell Phones: \$1,800

Subtotal \$26,800

Support Equipment:

• Travel: \$2,000 • Vehicle Maintenance: \$1,000 Fuel: \$1,550
Supplies & Materials: \$2,500

Subtotal \$7,050

Flood Inundation Modeling & Mapping:

Software licenses, Technical Support and Maintenance/Updates: \$\$520,000

Subtotal \$520,000

Staff support for Initiatives:

- 2.00 Climatologist II to monitor and interpret data from existing and new stations and a 1.00 Program Manager to coordinate the efforts with Resilience plan participants.
 It Manager to monitor software model operations and work with vendors to modify and refine parameters where

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

Classification Description	FTEs		Base Salary Per FTE	Contr	Employer ibutions Per FTE	То	tal Personal Services	Total Employer Contributions
LC50 Climatologist II	2.00	\$	64,885	\$	31,794	\$	129,770	\$ 63,587
AH50 Program Manager II	1.00	\$	95,327	\$	46,710	\$	95,327	\$ 46,710
AM56 IT Manager II	1.00	\$	95,327	\$	46,710	\$	95,327	\$ 46,710
		FTI	Es >		4.00			
		Per	rsonal Service	es >		\$	320,424	
		Em	ployer Cont	ributi	ons >			\$ 157,008
Other Operating Expenses				Tota	1			
Tort Insurance				\$	500			
Licenses, Training				\$	9,000			

	Mobile devices	\$	1,250		
		Individual Equipment/	Expense \$	10,750	
	Weather Stations	\$	7,600		
N.	Technology	\$	26,800		
	Support Equipment	\$	7,000		
3	Inundation Modeling	\$	175,000		
		Systems, Equipment, S	oftware \$	216,400	
Ž.		Total Other Operation	ng Expenses >	\$	227,150
Total		Total Request >		\$	704,582

Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

Personal Services: Candidates qualified and hired to fill FTEs.

Other Operating: Goods and services for program operations obtained by following the state procurement code.

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

Additional authority for Other and Federal Funds will fund the 5%/\$2500 Base Pay Increase authorized by the General Assembly effective for FY 2024.

Classification Description		State	8	Federal	Earmarked		Restricted
Salary Actions	\$	-	\$	720,824	\$ 269,973	Ś	319,717
Employer Contributions	\$	-	\$	209,039	\$ 78,292	\$	92,718
	\$	4	\$	929,863	\$ 348,265	\$	412,435
	Pers	onal Serv	ices	>	\$ 1,310,514		
	Emp	loyer Cor	tribu	ıtions >	\$ 380,049		
	Sala	ry Total			\$ 1,690,563		

Additional positions to enhance operations in the following areas.

- 3.00 Administrative Coordinator II (AH15) Improve supervisory levels for statewide operations.
- 1.00 Administrative Coordinator I (AH10) and 2.00 Administrative Specialists (AA50) to supplement staff for the expanded York
- 1.00 Administrative Coordinator I (AH10) to track IT hardware and software inventory, track license expiration, etc.
- 1.00 Senior Auditor (AN21) to fully establish the enhanced Internal Audit Office for the department.
- 2.00 Wildlife Biologist III (LE70) that will head the Santee Cooper Lakes monitoring work for diadromous fish.
- 1.00 Unclassified Scientist (UK03) position, federal funding already available.

Classification Description	FTEs		Base Salary Per FTE		Employer Contributions Per FTE	Tot	al Personal Services		otal Employer Contributions
AH15 - Admin Coord II	3.00	\$	64,885	\$	31,794	\$	194,655	\$	95,381
AH10 - Admin Coord I	2.00	\$	53,957	\$	26,439	\$	107,914	\$	52,878
AA50 - Admin Specialist II	2.00	\$	37,605	\$	18,426	\$	75,210	s	36,853
AN21 - Senior Auditor	1.00	\$	64,885	\$	31,794	Ś	64,885	Ś	31,794
LE70 - Wildlife Biologist III	2.00	\$	64,885	\$	31,794	\$	129,770	\$	63,587
		FI	Es >		10.00				
		Pe	rsonal Servi	ces	s>	\$	572,434		
		En	nployer Con	trib	outions >			\$	280,493
		To	tal New FTE	S				\$	852,927

Operating Authority

\$200,000 to fund new expenditures from the Mitigation Trust Fund, performing habitat and other fisheries enhancement work in the Santee River Basin related to the relicensing of the Santee Dam.

\$218,000 to fund support for additional indirect cost recoveries generated from additional federal salaries across research grants.

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

\$240,500 to fund payment for yard maintenance activities related to Marine Resources ocean going vessels.

\$303,130 to fund payment of additional transaction and merchant fees related to continued increased use of the enterprise solution for licenses and boat titling/registration payments.

\$335,000 to fund additional work wild turkey and coyote actions.

\$591,415 to fund additional expenditures for monitoring fisheries in the Santee Cooper Lakes as part of a 10-year cooperative agreement with several utility entities.

\$1,030,000 to fund flounder research and other projects funded with saltwater license fees.

Santee River Basin Accord	\$ 200,000
Indirect Cost Recovery	\$ 218,000
Ocean Going Vessels-Yard Period	\$ 240,500
Transaction/Merchant Fees	\$ 303,130
Wildlife Research	\$ 335,000
Santee Cooper Fisheries Stur	\$ 591,415
Saltwater Recreational Licenses	\$ 1,030,000

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FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

4

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Body Worn Cameras-Equipment and Systems

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

\$1,151,351

Mark "X" for all that apply:

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2024-2025? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive

Summar

FACTORS ASSOCIATED
WITH THE REQUEST

Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
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Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
IT Technology/Security related
Consulted DTO during development
Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations

Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding

Related to a Recurring request - If so, Priority # Body Worn Camera Implementation

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:

Education, Training, and Human Development
Healthy and Safe Families

Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
Government and Citizens

2.1-2.3 - Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

Conserve and protect the state's natural resources for social, economic, recreational, and commercial benefit while providing maximum human utilization through: (1) the development of public support through outreach, education, and safety programs; (2) the preservation of the peace and protection of human lives and property; and (3) the enforcement of the state's criminal laws through the detection, apprehension, and prosecution of persons who violate those laws.

What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

Other Operating: State Term Contract Vendors for a) body worn camera systems, currently Axon Enterprises through June 2025, and b) for wireless data transmission hardware and installation, Simple Com.

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

As a complement to recurring request Priority #3, Body Worn Camera Implementation, the department requests \$1,150,841 to fund the acquisition of hardware and other equipment needed to implement the Body Worn Camera project for up to 350 DNR officers.

As noted in the referenced recurring request, Police body cameras (also called body-worn cameras) are small cameras worn on a law enforcement officer's chest or head to record interactions between the officer and the public. The cameras have a microphone to capture sound and internal data storage to save video footage for later review.

Police body cameras are a good police reform tool and have strong support from members of the public. The cameras also protect police officers against false accusations of misconduct. Police body worn cameras offer transparency and accountability to the public as well.

Axon Enterprises is the state contract vender that we plan on working with to purchase and roll out the Axon 3 Body Cam system. Research has been completed on these organizations and products to ensure that the best system, equipment and recording features are available and useful to DNR Law Enforcement.

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

Key expenses for implementing the BWC system include the following.

Other Operating Expenses	Per F	TE	Tot	al	
R1900 NetCloud Essential	\$	2,460	\$	861,000	
PTA Sheppard Series Antennae	\$	403	\$	141,050	
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FORM B2 - NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Agency Equipment

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

\$9.033.073

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2024-2025? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply: Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program IT Technology/Security related

Consulted DTO during development Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding

Related to a Recurring request - If so, Priority # Improved Program Delivery and Operations

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective: Education, Training, and Human Development

Healthy and Safe Families

Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security

Public Infrastructure and Economic Development Government and Citizens

2.1-2.3 - Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security

Conserve and protect the state's natural resources for social, economic, recreational, and commercial benefit while providing maximum human utilization through: (1) the development of public support through outreach, education, and safety programs; (2) the preservation of the peace and protection of human lives and property; and (3) the enforcement of the state's criminal laws through the detection, apprehension, and prosecution of persons who violate those laws.

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

Strategy: 3.1 Serve as a national, regional and local leader in marine research that helps sustain and improve the condition of South Carolina's marine resources.

DNR/Marine Resources executes several long-term federal and other programs that require the use of research vessels to fulfill the grant requirements including the Marine Resources Monitoring, Assessment, and Prediction (MARMAP) &Southeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program South Atlantic (SEAMAP-SA) Programs, Artificial Reef development, and coastal receiver array deployment and maintenance. These programs have statewide and regional impacts on marine natural resources.

Performance Measure: # of Marine research, monitoring, stewardship, and outreach grants/programs supported by vessel. What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF **FUNDS**

Other Operating: Goods and services for program operations obtained by following the state procurement code. Most of these expenditures would be provided through state contract vendors.

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

The department has multiple needs for replacement equipment and new equipment across Law Enforcement, Marine resources, Earth Sciences and Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries programs.

(a) Replace Aircraft

DNR Law Enforcement needs to purchase a new Cessna 206 to replace an older Cessna 210-Centurian (built in 1984) with 9700 flight hours. In addition, we will be selling our Cessna 206 (built in 1985), with 7700 flight hours, to assist with offsetting the cost of a new plane. The sale of these aircraft will go through the State Surplus process, and we will not be able to use trade in value for a new purchase. Therefore, we must continue to use both planes until a new aircraft is procured. There are no safety concerns that would prohibit the sale of these planes at a future date. Both aircraft have high airframe hours, but not beyond the "designed life expectancy" for use. We have consulted with the SC Division of Aeronautics in detail about our plans and have received their support and opinions.

A Cessna 206 best fits our mission parameters and is an exceptionally well-made and study platform for DNR-type missions. The Cessna 210 and 206 are being replaced due to the extreme hours on the airframe and the difficulty in finding parts for planes that has not been in production for some time. The overall cost for the new Cessna 206 with updated avionics and navigation is estimated at \$1,902,023.

(b) Retrofit Used Research Vessel

The Division has acquired a used replacement vessel, the Fishing Vessel (F/V) Lillian, which previously served as a

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FORM B2 - NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY 12

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary

TITLE

Field Facilities Maintenance

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

\$3,189,800

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2024-2025? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply: Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support progran IT Technology/Security related Consulted DTO during development Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding

Related to a Recurring request - If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective: Education, Training, and Human Development Healthy and Safe Families Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security Public Infrastructure and Economic Development Government and Citizens

Strategy: 3.1 Serve as a national, regional and local leader in marine research that helps sustain and improve the condition of South Carolina's marine resources

ACCOUNTABILITY **OF FUNDS**

Funds would enhance safety and security of Marine Resources buildings, employees and visitors to facilities. Funds would also be used to address ADA compliance needs that were identified in a recent USFWS audit.

Marine Resources facilities are safe, secure, and available to all employees and visitors.

4.1.1 Acres of habitats owned by DNR and managed to promote species diversity and richness. This includes but is not limited to activities such as acres planted, burned, roads mowed and maintained and wetlands enhanced.

4.3.1 Acreage of Wildlife Management Area Program land available to provide hunting opportunities to the public.

What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF **FUNDS**

Other Operating: Goods and services for program operations obtained by following the state procurement code.

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

Funds will be utilized to conduct deferred maintenance on buildings and sheds located on Wildlife Management Areas throughout the state. Buildings are in need of new HVAC systems, roofs, windows, plumbing upgrades, painting, and/or siding, etc. While these are typically modest repairs Funding will allow us to ensure that we are properly addressing issues and protecting such facilities from further damage and more costly repairs. Also addressed are public access issues at the Fort Johnson complex in Charleston. And finally, a request to fund a survey of all historic structures on DNR properties.

Repairs and maintenance on seven WMA properties range from roof repairs to plumbing work. This includes work on 1 Coosawhatchie WMA building (\$75,000), 2 Belfast WMA buildings (\$160,000), Wateree River WMA buildings (\$50,000) and Goodwill Tractor Shed (70,000), 1 Samworth WMA building (\$85,000), Congaree Bluffs Education Center (\$80,000) and minor repairs across several sites (100,000). \$620,000

The department maintains many structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places located on Wildlife Management Area properties. Planning a comprehensive maintenance schedule that incorporates special needs and restrictions unique to historic structures is needed. The department plans to utilize a specialist to conduct a survey of these structures generating a feasibility study for near future maintenance needs on each structure. \$100,000

ADA compliance projects to include Replace ramp for the Marine Resources Research Institute , Restroom and office space improvements in MRD facilities, Parking areas grade correction for MRD's Charleston facilities, and Field Station classroom access

DNR's dove fields are very popular with our constituents; however, some fields must be replanted multiple times due to deer and hog damage. Adding fences around such fields has proven beneficial and results in significant cost savings of seed, fuel, fertilizer,

JUSTIFICATION

A portion of these funds will improve and restore habitat on our state waterfowl impoundments. DNR needs to continue

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AGENCY PRIORITY

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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary

TITLE

State Resilience Initiative

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

\$5,235,000

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2024-2025? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive

FACTORS ASSOCIATED

WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply: Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program IT Technology/Security related Consulted DTO during development

Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding

Related to a Recurring request - If so, Priority # State Resilience Initiative

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC **OBJECTIVES**

Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective: Education, Training, and Human Development Healthy and Safe Families Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security Public Infrastructure and Economic Development Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY **OF FUNDS**

Goal 1 Strategy 1.1 Measure 1.1.3: Promote accurate weather and climate information that is useful for decision makers and the public as measured by subscriptions to our severe weather alerts. Some of the performance measures include research on climate change and climate hazards, policy and reports reviewed, requests answered, and outreach documents produced. Staff will be able to meet the service and outreach expectations with the increased budget. Office operations will also be more efficient with the increased funding such as the availability of new weather forecasting subscriptions to help staff perform their job responsibilities. Program manger will evaluate to make sure funds are expended appropriately.

What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF **FUNDS**

Other Operating: Goods and services for program operations obtained by following the state procurement code. Most of these expenditures would be provided through state contract vendors.

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

Strategic Statewide Resilience and Risk Reduction Plan Recommendation

The Strategic Statewide Resilience and Risk Reduction Plan recommends the State increase the density of weather stations. Additional weather stations will provide greater precision in developing weather and hydrologic models, drought assessments, flood forecasting, and other decision-making processes. Weather monitoring is essential to decision-making before, during, and after an event. Below outlines the non-recurring costs for **8 stations**.

Non-Recurring Costs

Station:

- Instrumentation (including sensors, dataloggers, tower, fences, modem, etc): \$30,000/station
- Site Preparation (concrete, clearing, acquisition, etc.): \$5,000/station

- Computers/workstations: \$10,000 (for 4)
- Cloud Services and Storage: \$25,000

Support Equipment:

- Power tools, shovels, ladders, bolts, washers, etc.: \$5,000
- Truck (with lock-able cover/cab): \$65,000

Overview:

- Station Total (for 8): \$280,000
- Technology Total: \$35,000 Support Equipment Total: \$70,000

JUSTIFICATION

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FORM C - CAPITAL REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary

TITLE

Waterfowl Impoundments Infrastructure Maintenance

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

\$2,650,000

How much is requested for this project in FY 2024-2025? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

CPIP PRIORITY

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2023 - 28

Identify the project's CPIP plan year and priority number, along with the first year in which the project was included in the agency's CPIP. If not included in the agency's CPIP, please provide an explanation. If the project involves a request for appropriated state funding, briefly describe the agency's contingency plan in the event that state funding is not made available in the amount requested.

OTHER APPROVALS

Approvals must be secured from JBRC and SFAA as required.

What approvals have already been obtained? Are there additional approvals that must be secured in order for the project to succeed? (Institutional board, JBRC, SF.4.4, etc.)

Expected life of repairs is variable depending on weather conditions, amount of flooding, etc. Due to the location of these structures, tidal influence, and wave impacts, these structures are in critical need of repair.

LONG-TERM PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY

What other funds have already been invested in this project (source type, amount, timeframe)? Will other capital and or operating funds for this project be requested in the future? If so, how much, and in which fiscal years? Has a source for those funds been identified secured? What is the agency's expectation with regard to additional annual costs or savings associated with this capital improvement? What source of funds will be impacted by those costs or savings? What is the expected useful life of the capital improvement?

Waterfowl area enhancements:

- Cedar Island renovation (multiple trunks, berm creation, dike re-topping) \$1,000,000 (match for potential federal grant)
- Samworth Renovation and Repairs \$1,000,000 (match for potential federal grant)
 Clemson Waterfowl Area and renovation (Recore and raise dike, enhance drainage) \$250,000.
 Wateree River HP WMA Waterfowl Area work on the (pump, water control structures, and dike work) -
- Love WMA work on regrading waterfowl impoundment \$150,000
- Total 2,650,000

Note that additional funds for waterfowl management are also listed on a NR request.

		Total		
Cedar Island Dikes	\$	1,000,000		
Samworth - Big Field Dike	\$	1,000,000		
Clemson Waterfowl Area	\$	250,000		
Wateree Waterfowl Area	\$	250,000		
Love WMA Waterfowl Area	\$	150,000		
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SUMMARY

Total Request > \$ 2,650,000

SUMMARY

The water tower at Bayless Hatchery is critical to conditioning well water and providing consistent water pressure and flow rates to the egg incubation facility at the Bayless Hatchery. This is critical to production of striped bass fry that are grown to stocking size at hatcheries across the SCDNR's fish production system. The current water tower is original to the facility construction and is beginning to show signs of deterioration. Its replacement is important to the long-term operation and availability of the facility.

(f) Repair or replace aging water control structures on the Agency's state lakes (small impoundments) - Statewide.

Estimated Costs - \$5,000,000

Implement repairs and replacements of water control structures on the Agency's state lakes in a way that is consistent with the recommendations from engineering inspects conducted over the last 48 to 60 months.

Wildlife Management Areas

(g) Replace Donnelley WMA Fuel Tanks

Estimated Costs - \$100,000

Installation of above-ground tanks will alleviate potential environmental problems in the future with existing underground tanks, which will be removed or decommissioned.

(h) Replace Belfast WMA Roof

Estimated Cost -\$160,000

Existing roof is nearing the end of its functional life.

(i) Bordeaux WMA Workshop

Estimated Cost - \$480,000

The structure would provide an protected area for the employees to repair damaged equipment from the elements. The facility would also protect equipment from harmful inclement weather. The structure would also provide storage for tools and supplies for the wildlife management area. Without a secured storage building equipment is kept at multiple unsecured locations.

Fort Johnson Facilities

(j) Bennett's Point Renovation - Final Phase

Estimated Cost - \$400,000

The ultimate outcome of this project is to provide an energy efficient, quality facility for staff, visitors, students, and researchers in the ACE Basin Reserve.

Bennett's Point Field Station refurbishment to include but not limited to: replacing the Fire Alarm Systems, water tank and pump system and floor coverings, renovate the kitchen, restrooms, dorms and classroom, refurbish the outdoor classroom, and asses feasibility of and install solar panels to lower energy costs.

The saltwater from the adjacent river has contributed to the need to refurbish the structure. Once the project is established, the time frame for completion is 6-12 months

(k) Fort Johnson ADA, Fire & Safety Systems Update

Estimated Cost - \$330,000

Funds are needed to address safety, security, and ADA compliance needs across eight office and laboratory buildings as well as outdoor areas including:

ADA compliance projects to include Replace ramp for the Marine Resources Research Institute , Restroom and office space improvements in MRD facilities, Parking areas grade correction for MRD's Charleston facilities, Field Station classroom access improvements, and walkways.

Life and Safety Updates and Improvements would include Secured exterior locks for all remaining buildings, Campus lighting improvements and additions, Walk-in freezer air monitoring, Upgrade Fire-alarm panels and alerting system in all buildings, Add Sprinklers in auto bay of Maintenance Building, Emergency alert system for MRRI, Admin and LE buildings (SLED recommendation).

Provide a summary of the project and explain why it is necessary. Please refer to the budget guidelines for appropriate questions and thoroughly answer all related items.

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FORM D-PROVISO REVISION REQUEST

NUMBER

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Cite the proviso according to the new year renumbered list for the (or mark "NEW").

TITLE

Matching Grant Program

Provide the title from the most recent Appropriations Act or suggest a short title for any new request.

BUDGET PROGRAM | II.D.1, II.D.2, II.D.3, and II.D.4

Identify the associated budget program(s) by name and budget section.

RELATED BUDGET REQUEST

N/A

Is this request associated with a budget request you have submitted for the upcoming Fiscal Year? If so, cite it here.

REQUESTED ACTION

Amend

Choose from: Add, Delete, Amend, or Codify.

OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED

South Carolina Conservation Bank

Which other agencies would be affected by the recommended action? How?

Proviso 47.16 currently provides for South Carolina Conservation Bank grants to match Wetland and Wildlife Restoration grants.

The addition of "or Coastal Wetland" extends matching opportunities to this funding source. Adding "or similar wetlands enhancement and restoration projects that benefit waterfowl," allows the South Carolina department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) to utilize funds when a legitimate North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) or Coastal Wetlands grant request may not have received grant funding.

SUMMARY & EXPLANATION

The change from "Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act" to "Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration" updates the new reference to the US Fish & Wildlife assistance program. This merged the Pittman Robertson (Wildlife) and Dingell Johnson (Fisheries) programs under a single program.

Summarize the existing proviso. If requesting a new proviso, describe the current state of affairs without it. Explain the need for your requested action. For deletion requests due to recent codification, please identify SC Code section where language now appears.

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The amendments to this proviso would allow the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources some flexibility to utilize funding from this proviso when a legitimate North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) or Coastal Wetlands grant request may not have received grant funding.

FISCAL IMPACT

Provide estimates of any fiscal impacts associated with this proviso, whether for state, federal, or other funds. Explain the method of calculation.

(DNR: Matching Grant Programs) Of the funds appropriated and/or authorized to the South Carolina Conservation Bank, \$1,000,000 shall be provided to the Department of Natural Resources as the state match for the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) or Coastal Wetlands matching grant programs, or similar wetland enhancement and restoration projects that benefit waterfowl, and \$3,000,000 as the state match for the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act matching Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration grant program. The department annually shall report to the Senate Finance Committee, the House Ways and Means Committee, and the South Carolina Conservation Bank regarding utilization of the funds and the impact of the funds on conservation efforts in the State of South Carolina.

PROPOSED PROVISO TEXT

Paste most current proviso text above, then bold and underline insertions and strikethrough deletions. For new proviso requests, enter requested text above.

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FORM E – AGENCY COST SAVINGS AND GENERAL FUND REDUCTION CONTINGENCY PLAN

TITLE

Agency Cost Savings and General Fund Reduction Contingency Plan

AMOUNT

\$2,169,087

What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.

ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS

There are no FTE reductions

How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?

Budget	1	
Line	Program Name	3%
I.	Administration	178,881
II.A.1.	Outreach	121,822
II.A.3.	Web Services & Technology Devel	49,673
II.B.1.	Boat Titling & Registration	6,927
II.C.1.	Boating Access	1,399
II.D.1.	Wildlife-Regional Operations	161,192
II.D.2.	Wildlife Statewide	16,702
II.D.3.	Fisheries-Regional Operations	31,010
II.D.4.	Fisheries-Hatchery/State Lakes	66.552
II.E.1.	Conservation Enforcement	1,186,442
II.F.1.	Marine Conservation and Management	92,472
II.F.2.	Marine Research & Monitoring	52,402
II.G.1.	Earth Sciences	128,808
II.G.2.	Conservation	55,895
II.G.3.	Heritage Trust	15,892
II.G.4.	Environmental Review	3.018

PROGRAM/ACTIVITY IMPACT

What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?

The impacts to programs are as follows:

- 1. Administration Reduction in supplies and fuel
- II.A.1. Outreach Reduction in outreach media efforts, travel, supplies, and fuel
- II.A.3. Web Services and Technology Development Reduction in equipment replacement
- II.B.1. Boat Titling & Registration Reduction in office supplies
- II.C.1. Boating Access Reduction in office supplies and fuel
- II.D.1. Wildlife-Regional Operations Reduction in Wildlife Management Area Management
- II.D.2. Wildlife Statewide Reduction in supplies and fuel
- II.D.3. Fisheries-Regional Operations Reduction in supplies and fuel
- II.D.4. Fisheries Statewide Reduction in State Lake maintenance
- II.E.1. Conservation Enforcement Reduce vehicle rotation by 18 units and fuel
- II.F.1. Marine Conservation and Management Reduce vehicle rotation by 2 units and fuel
- II.F.2. Marine Research & Monitoring Reduce vehicle rotation by 1 unit and fuel
- II.G.1. Earth Sciences Reduce field travel, supplies and materials for drill rig, reduce vehicle rotation by 1 unit

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- II.G.2. Conservation Reduce landowner assistance; reduce Aid to Conservation Districts by \$750 per district
- II.G.3. Heritage Trust Reduction in supplies and fuel
- II.G.4. Environmental Review Reduction in office supplies and fuel

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FORM F – REDUCING COST AND BURDEN TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS

TITLE

Law Enforcement use of Warning Tickets

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS

\$2,504,355 in fines and 11,928.50 hours of court time saved.

What is the expected savings to South Carolina's businesses and citizens that is generated by this proposal? The savings could be related to time or money.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply: Repeal or revision of regulations.

Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens.

Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.

Other

METHOD OF CALCULATION Approximately 23,581 warning tickets were issued, multiplied by the minimum fine of \$105.00 for most violations of SC

Case Prosecution would take approximately 15 minutes per case multiplied by \$23,851 violations.

Officer's hourly rate of at least \$25.48 per hour multiplied by 5,962.75 hours of court time.

The defendant's time plus the court staff's time would determine the total hours saved by citizens and businesses.

Describe the method of calculation for determining the expected cost or time savings to businesses or citizens

REDUCTION OF FEES OR **FINES**

Fines for violations of SC Code Title 50.

Enabling authority is derived from SC Code 50-3-110.

Which fees or fines does the agency intend to reduce? What was the fine or fee revenue for the previous fiscal year? What was the associated program expenditure for the previous fiscal year? What is the enabling authority for the issuance of the fee or fine?

REDUCTION OF REGULATION

This action would not require any amendments or deletions of current regulations.

Which regulations does the agency intend to amend or delete? What is the enabling authority for the regulation?

During FY 2022-2023 a total of 23,851 warning tickets were issued. Using warning tickets versus courtesy summons for documented violations, the expected savings in fines is \$2,504,355. Savings from court appearances are unknown for court personnel, it takes approximately 15 minutes per case for prosecution which would save at least 5,962.75 hours of officer time in court. Based on a starting officer's hourly rate of \$25.48 per hour, will generate an additional savings of \$151,931. These reductions are based on the minimum fine of \$105 for most violations of SC Code Title 50 which also includes court fees. The public would save 5,867.75 hours of personal or employer time due to not attending court. Court necessarily would also see a savings of 5.867.75 hours due to not hearing these cases. personnel would also see a savings of 5,867.75 hours due to not hearing these cases.

This action does not affect agency operations.

SUMMARY

Provide an explanation of the proposal and its positive results on businesses or citizens. How will the request affect agency operations?

Agency's Discussion and Analysis

Organization

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) is governed by the Natural Resources Board, the members of which are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. One member is appointed from each of the state's seven congressional districts. The Board sets policy for the Department but has no duty or authority concerning the management of, control over, or administration of the day to day affairs of the Department (S.C. Code Ann. 48-4-50). The Board appoints the Agency Director, upon advice and consent of the Senate, who serves at the pleasure of the Board and is the administrative head of the Department.

The Department is organized into four programattic divisions, each led by a DNR Deputy Director, and an Executive Office. Together, the four divisions and the Executive Office seek to empower people to live life outdoors by:

Land, Water and Conservation Division

Developing and implementing programs that study, manage and conserve the State's land and water resources through planning, research, technical assistance, public education and the development of a comprehensive natural resources database.

Law Enforcement Division

Conserving and protecting the state's natural resources for social, economic, recreational, and commercial benefit while providing maximum human utilization through: (1) the development of public support through outreach, education, and safety programs; (2) the preservation of the peace and protection of human lives and property; and (3) the enforcement of the state's criminal laws through the detection, apprehension, and prosecution of persons who violate those laws.

Marine Resources Division

Sustaining the State's living marine resources for the cultural, recreational, commercial and economic benefit of the state's citizens and visitors; encouraging quality and sustainable saltwater fishing both recreationally and commercially.

Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division

Monitoring, protecting, and enhancing wildlife species and inland aquatic species and their habitats throughout the state and providing recreational hunting and freshwater fishing opportunities to the public, some of whom would not have access otherwise.

Executive Office

Offering quality customer service by efficiently processing hunting and fishing licenses and boat titles and registrations so our citizens and visitors can live life outdoors; improving internal service delivery so that the Department can efficiently offer outdoor opportunities to the public.

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Looking Ahead

Moving forward through the new fiscal year, SCDNR's top priority is to empower and encourage people to "live life outdoors." The Department aims to reach new constituents and provide exceptional services to our customers by improving our business processes and building trust with our stakeholders and the citizens of South Carolina. Some of our priorities this year include:

- Decreasing boat registration and titling turnaround times and reviewing processes and procedures to decrease wait time for our customers.
- Completing the transition of our Law Enforcement Officers in all 46 counties to our new records management system including boat accident reporting, daily activity logs, eCitations and eWarnings.
- Continue redesigning our website to improve the user experience and provide readily accessible information about our properties, programs, and mission.
- Pursuing opportunities for acquisition of properties to provide exceptional natural and cultural resources-related recreational opportunities in all regions of the state in keeping with South Carolina's outdoor heritage.
- Promoting the application of science to public trust natural resources stewardship in order to sustain those resources.
- Encouraging collaboration between our professionals in different divisions of the agency to leverage our expertise and cross-collaborate on projects when possible.
- Ensuring fair and equitable enforcement of natural resource, boating, and general public safety laws and regulations.
- Furthering our efforts to provide outdoor recreational opportunities to a growing non-traditional constituency.

Natural resources have defined much of the history and culture of South Carolina. We have been bequeathed with enormous natural and cultural wealth in the form of the lands, waters and the resources found therein. Over 5.1 million people call South Carolina home, a great many of whom seek to experience and enjoy the myriad of natural resources that solidify South Carolina's competitive advantage in the global economy. SCDNR is the advocate for and steward of the state's public trust natural resources, but SCDNR cannot be the sole effective stewards of these resources. Rather, SCDNR seeks to foster an appreciation for sustainable use of the state's natural resources among all South Carolina citizens and visitors. Continued development of a "stewardship ethic" in which interests across the state are enlisted and actively engaged to help in this stewardship mission is key to ensuring that these resources can be sustainably enjoyed today as well as in generations to come.

The most negative impact on the public resulting from SCDNR failing to accomplish our goals and objectives would be the failure of the citizens of South Carolina to fully understand and appreciate the breadth and scope of South Carolina's natural wealth and the subsequent squandering of that wealth. The agency devotes a considerable investment of resources to providing accurate and credible science,

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means, including developing science-based recommendations for regulatory and statutory measures to protect natural resources; providing access and opportunity for people to enjoy South Carolina's natural wealth via traditional (hunting, fishing, boating) and non-traditional (wildlife viewing, hiking, nature study) means, and ensuring that this access is safe, orderly, and in accordance with statutes and regulations established to sustain these resources.

South Carolina is home to more that 5.1 million people, and we host millions of visitors each year. The sheer numbers suggest that there are varying views on natural resources stewardship, and these differences can lead to growing conflicts between and among various interests regarding how to best promote natural resources. Couple this with the fact that the bulk of the financial support for natural resources management has been provided disproportionately by license and user fees. The proportion of citizens who purchase licenses for traditional uses of natural resources is declining, though we see increasing demands for new or additional services from citizens who do not purchase licenses/privileges. We see increasing conflicts on the horizon as new users demand access to natural resources that have traditionally been the purview of the hunter/angler/boater, and this has implications for how the agency manages resources such as Heritage Preserves and Wildlife Management Areas. People of many varied interests—not just hunters, anglers, and boaters—seek the outdoors and natural resources for respite, refuge, and rejuvenation. SCDNR encourages those uses. In a state that is blessed with vibrant population and business growth, this leads to greater pressure on the agency to provide for a quality outdoor experience among a growing diversity of user groups.

The General Assembly can help the agency by recognizing the growing demands placed on agency lands and programs and provide for a diversification of our funding base. This would enable us to meet the demand for greater and safer access to natural resources by a broader constituency, with the ultimate goal to foster a greater sense of natural resources stewardship by all South Carolina citizens and visitors.

2. Funding Facility/Equipment Needs

SCDNR has been aggressive in investing in recreational lands, fish hatcheries, wildlife areas, research laboratories and facilities, and other infrastructure to promote stewardship and provide access and opportunity to a growing population interested in being outdoors. The agency manages over one million acres of land across the state for wildlife habitat and outdoor recreation. Our mission differs from that of the State Park Service in that we have for decades pursued investments in natural lands to provide for hunting, fishing, and boating access. For over two decades, the agency's highest priority has been wildlife habitat protection, and we have been successful in leveraging state, federal, and private funds in pursuit of habitat protection.

As we encourage and promote the need to be good stewards of the state's public trust natural resources, we believe that we have an obligation to be good stewards of the lands and facilities under our care so that we can continue to provide exceptional service to our constituents.

3. Assisting with Employee Retention and Competitive Salaries

Department of Natural Resources Agency Personnel Total January 22, 2024

FTE Status	Total	Total State Fe		Other	
Filled	942.56	434.28	183.85	324.43	
Vacant	122.00	50.72	29.00	42.28	
Total FTEs	1,064.56	485.00	212.85	366.71	

Total Temporary	94.00
Temporary Hourly	50.00
Time Limited	44.00
Temporary Grant/	The Art of the State of the State of

Total Personnel	1,036.56
Total Capacity	1,158.56

4.1%

Vacancies 31.1% 38 Law Enforcement 33.6% 41 Biologists/Natural Resource Tech 18.9% 23 Administrative

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Department of Natural Resources CARRY FORWARD FUNDS

	FY 2023		
Sub Fund/Description	6/30/2023 F	Purpose for Carry Forward	
10010000 STATEWIDE CARRY FORWARD APPROPRIAT	5,164,526 F	Fund Fisheries, Wildlife Land & Water Administration	Carry Forward Authority
10010000 STATEWIDE CARRY FORWARD APPROPRIAT		oformation Tockholomie Will Control	Proviso 117.23
10010000 STATEWIDE CARRY FORWARD APPROPRIAT		inclination recimology & Web Services Infrastructure	Proviso 47.9
1000 - GENERAL ELINIDS		Other Operating Building Maintenance	Proviso 47 17
30350000 OPFPATING PER CONT			
SOSTANDE OPERALING REVENUE	487,028 C	Co Game & Fish projects	
30350065 OPERATING REV - LE			20-8-8 70 (G)
30350066 OPERATING RFV - SCW		caw ciliorcement ruel, phones, other operating	14-1-212(B)(1)(g)
30350067 OPERATING REV. MAPA		Produce and distribute SC Wildlife magazine	Proviso 47.1
	1,209,726 R	Research & investigate marine fisheries/habitats	50 E 25 (C)
	2,524,441 R	Research & investigate fish & wildlife FEBC studios	30-3-23 (C)
30350069 OPERATING REV - LWC	194.614 F	al phopos inclusions and ethans.	11-13-125
30350070 OPERATING REV - OSS	- 150	Matorfour and annual other operating expenses	11-13-125
30350071 OPERATING REV - INDIRECT		waterrowr projects; State GIS Coordinator	50-9-670 (C)
30350081 OPERATING REV - PITT-ROB MATCH		Indirect cost pool salaries	2 CFR 200
303E0007 OPERATING PER CONTRACT	1,459,915 Pi	Proviso 117.143 Funds to match Pittman-Robertson grants	11-13-12
1600	1,000,000 Pr	Proviso 117.144 Funds to match NAW/CA grants / other clirible	11 17 17 17
3035 OTHER OPERATING REVENUE	7.846.999	e masses se anna se an	11-13-125
32850000 WATER RECREATION RES FUND	658	73 racoints distributed to	
32850001 WATER RES REC FD - LE	740	in 25 receipts distributed to county accts in Aug FY 24	12-28-2730 (A)
32850002 WATER BEC RES EN - ENG	,749	Law Enforcement fuel, other operating	12-28-2730 (A)
32850003 WATER REC DES ED AD WEED	,012	Boating Access/Engineering operations	12-28-2730 (A)
220F0004 WATER PICETO II	217,313 Nt	Nuisance Aquatic Plant control program	12-28-2730 (۸)
1004	18,097,728 Cc	County water recreation projects	12 28-2730 (A)
3285 WATER RECREATION RESOURCES	193	The second of th	12-28-2730 (A)
37050000 COMP RELICENSE AGREE	320		
37050001 CRA-CATAWBA WATEREF BASIN-DIJKE		renc lencensing agreement	11-13-125
3705 COMPREHENSIVE RELICENSING AGREENMEN		rekt relicensing agreement-Duke Power	11-13-125
3800000 BOATING/DREW/STAW	1000		
		Overpayments to be refunded, Bad Check provision	50-23-220 (B)
		Law Enforcement salaries	50-23-220 (B)
2800002 BOATING/DREWS LAW - ADMIN	1,190,529 Bo	Boat titling program; Agency administration	50-23-220 (B)
	82,894 Ca	Casual tax collections on behalf of schop	50 23 220 (B)
38000005 BOAT/DREWS LAW INV		W Enforcement currents of schools	50-23-220 (B)
3800 BOATING/DRFWS I AW	93	caw ciniol cernient supply room-unitorms, equipment	50-23-220 (B)
30690000 AFRIAI POTOGRADHY DEOCEDAM	1930		
SINGIFUNCE COCCESSOR	780	Process winter 2016 LIDAR flight data	Proviso 47.5
20120000 MUNATIONS	80,773 Do		11-13-45
39120000 MAP SALES	19,708 Op	geology grants	
			Proviso 47.5

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	EV 2023	
Sub Fund/Description	6/30/2023 Purpose for Carry Engand	
3000 - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - EARMARKED	9	Carry Forward Authority
43970000 HERITAGE TRUST-HABITAT MGMT		
43970001 HERITAGE TRUST-CUITURAI PRESERVES		1 51-17-115
43970002 HERITAGE TRUST-HFRITAGE PRESERVES		olo _{ 51-17-115
43970003 HERITAGE TRUST-COASTAL PRESERVES		51-17-115
4397 HERITAGE TRUST OPERATING	1/3,238 Salaries & operating expenses for Coastal HP Mgmt	51-17-115
45200000 HERITAGE I AND TRILET FINE		
4630 HENTLOS CAND I ROSI FOIND	29,706,011 Protection of Significant Natural & Cultural Resources	51-17-115
4520 HERITAGE LAND TRUST	41,160,889	611-71-16
45390000 MITIGATION TRUST OPERATING FUND	1,022,926 Fisheries monitoring & habitat restoration	L
45390001 MITIGATION TOF BROAD RIVER		50-1-130 (E)
45390003 MITIGATION TOF SAVANNAH RIVER		50-1-130 (E)
45390004 MITIGATION TOF BUZZARD'S ROOST	14 475 Fishering monitoning & Italian	50-1-130 (E)
45390005 MITIGATION TOF ST STEPHENS FISH LIFT		50-1-130 (E)
45390007 MITIGATION TOF CORP TOF ENGINEERS		50-1-130 (E)
45390008 MITIGATION TOF 12 MILE CBV / AVE 118 ST	TA	50-1-130 (E)
45390009 MITIGATION TOE SUBS STUDGES		50-1-130 (E)
AE30 MITCATON TO STIEF STURGEOIN	155,611 Sturgeon monitoring & habitat restoration-Savannah River	50-1-130 (E)
45555 INITIGATION TRUST OPERATING	1,471,105	30-1-130 (E)
	2,960,905 Operation of Wildlife Eighavior Enfances 2, 9	
46090001 FISH & WILD PROT FD - LE	417	50-9-950 (D)
46090002 FISH & WILD PROT FD - ADMIN	777	50-9-950 (D)
46090003 FISH & WILD PROT FD - DUCK		50-9-950 (D)
46090004 FISH & WILD PROT ED - DEFR	107	50-9-950 (D)
46090005 FISH & WII D PROT ED TIMBED		50-9-950 (D)
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		50-9-950 (D)
46090009 FISH & WILD INDI - IC		50-9-950 (D)
46090010 FISH & WILD DROT CRASS CARR		50-9-950 (D)
46090011 FISH & WILD PROT - ADUACH HEE		50-9-950 (D)
46090012 FISH & WILD PROT - WILDLIEF BERMITS		50-9-950 (D)
46090013 FISH & WILD PROT - DRAW HINT		50-9-950 (D)
46090014 FISH & WILD PROT - COYOTE	533,349 Public draw hunt program	50-9-950 (D)
46090015 FISH & WILD PROT - HATCHERY		50-9-950 (D)
	os, es o marchenes management	50-9-950 (D)

Department of Natural Resources CARRY FORWARD FUNDS

Sub Fund/Description 46090016 FISH & WILD PROT - COMMERCIAL FUR 46090017 FISH & WILD PROT - SHOOTING PRESERVE 46090018 FISH & WILD PROT - TURKEY 4609 FISH & WILD PROT - TURKEY 4609 FISH & WILDLIFE PROTECTION 48A50001 MARINE RES FD-FLOUNDER 48A50002 MARINE RES FD-ADMIN 48A50003 MARINE RES FD-RECREATIONAL SW L 48A50004 MARINE RES FD - COMMERCIAL SW L 48A50005 MARINE RES FD - PROGRAM INCOME 48A50006 MARINE RES FD - PROGRAM INCOME	6/30/2023 Purpose for Carry Forward 179,880 Furbearer monitoring and program management 243,323 Shooting Preserve program management 1,410,428 Monitoring & management of turkey, turkey tag & reporting 13,220,183 1,180,501 Flounder fisheries management & monitoring 3,331 Increased saltwater enforcement 235,939 License operations 5,362,354 Recreational fisheries management & monitoring 191,051 Commercial fishereis management & monitoring 3,396,398 Operating expenses for Ft Johnson facility and salaries	Carry Forward Authority 50-9-950 (D) 50-9-950 (D) 50-9-950 (E) 50-9-960 (E) 50-960 (E
48A5 MARINE RESOURCES 44K80000 FISH & WILDLIFE DEFERBED LICENSE	9,750,030	50-9-960 (E)
44K90000 MARINE RESOURCES DEFERRED LICENSE 44KX DEFERRED LICENSES	7,9/1,715 2nd & 3rd year revenue for 3 year licenses/permits 2,003,028 2nd & 3rd year revenue for 3 year licenses/permits 9,974,742	50-9-955 (D) 50-9-965 (D)
41250000 YAWKEY WILDLIFE OPERATING FUND 43730000 NONGAME WILDLIFE & NATURAL AREAS 43730001 NONGAME WILDLIFE -COASTAL BIRDS 46050000 COUNTY GAME AND FISH FUNDS 46070000 WILDLIFE ENDOWMENT FD-PRINCIPAL 46080000 WILDLIFE ENDOWMENT FD-INCOME	(334) Contributions from The Yawkey Trust to Operate Yawkey Ctr 527,683 Endangered species program, salaries & operating 376,618 Endangered species program, salaries & operating 5,693,627 County freshwater fisheries & wildlife projects 9,084,818 Lifetime License fund, retain for annual certification 902,067 License section salaries	/ Ctr 50-3-1040(5) 50-1-280 50-1-280 50-9-970 (G) 50-3-740

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FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	25		FY of Pravisa	Agency Reccomended	
Act	Base	Proviso Title	Short Summary	Introduction/# of years in budget	Action (keep, change, delete, add)	
	F./4	Publications Revenue	Provides for carry forward of SC Wildite magazine revenue, authorizes advertising and increased subscription fees to remain self-supporting, prohibits use of general funds.	1994; 31 yrs	Кеер	(DNR: Publications Revenue) For the current fiscal year all revenue generated from the sale of the "South Carolina Wildlife" magazine, its by-products and other publications, shall be retained by the department and used to support the production of same in order for the magazine to be self-sustaining. In addition, the department is authorized to sell advertising in the magazine and to increase the magazine's subscription rate, if necessary, to be self-sustaining. No general funds may be used for the operation and support of the "South Carolina Wildlife"
47.2	47.2	Casual Sates Tax Collection	Allows DNR to collect casual sales tax and use tax due on private sales of watercraft and outboard motors, and forward receipts to DOR	1994; 31 yrs	Кеер	magazine. (DNR: Casual Sales Tax Collection) The Department of Natural Resources shall continue to collect the casual sales tax as contained in the contractual agreement between the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Natural Resources
ļ						the State Treasurer is authorized to reimburse the department on a quarterly basis for the actual cost of collecting the casual sales tax and such reimbursement shall be paid from revenues generated by the casual sales tax.
7	£.	Proportionate Funding	Provides for proportionate distribution of Aid to Conservation Districts appropriation to Soil & Water Conservation Districts where the county appropriates at least \$300 to the district. Prohibits reduction greater than the percentage the agency is reduced. Change incorporates increased funding of \$10,000 per district included in FY 2023 Appropriations Act.	1995; 1 yr 2008; 1.7 yrs	Keep	(DNR: Proportionate Funding) Each of South Carolina's forty-six soil and water conservation districts shall receive a proportionate share of funding set aside for Aid to Conservation Districts at \$25,000per district for general assistance to the district's program. Available funding above \$25,000 for each district will be apportioned by the Department of Natural Resources based upon local needs and priorities as determined by the board. During the fiscal year, the districts funding may only be reduced in an amount not to exceed the percentage of each agency budget reduction. No district shall receive any funds under this provision unless the county or counties wherein the district from county funds for the same purposes.
4.	4.77	Carry Forward - Contract for Goods & Services	Provides for carry forward of funds to carry out contracts for goods and services for specific agency programs.	1995; 30 yrs	Keep	(DNR: Carry Forward - Contract for Goods & Services) If any funds accumulated by the Department of Natural Resources Geology Program, under contract for the provision of goods and services not covered by the department's appropriated funds, are not expended during the preceding fiscal years, such funds may be carried forward and expended for the costs associated with the provision of such
6. J4	47.5	Revenue Carry Forward	Provides for the carry forward of funds to support specific agency programs.	1996; 29 yrs	Keep a a 2 5 5 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6	(IDNR: Revenue Carry Forward) The department may collect, expend, and carry (IDNR: Revenue Carry Forward) The department may collect, expend, and carry forward revenues derived from the sale of goods and services in order to support aerial photography, map services, climatology data, and geological services. The department shall annually report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee the amount of revenue generated from the sale of
d.14	47.6	Clothing Allowance	Allows the department to provide a \$600 annual clothing allowance for an officer on special assignment.	1996; 29 yrs	Keep ((unese goods and services. (DNR: Clothing Allowance) The Department of Natural Resources is hereby authorized to provide Natural Resource Enforcement Officers on special assignment with an annual clothing allowance (on a prorata basis) not to exceed \$600 per
41.7	47.7	Commissioned Officers' Physicals	Allows the department to provide physical 1st examinations to department personnel required to receive a physical prior to receiving a commission.	1998; 28 yrs	Keep (D	orneer for required clothing used in the line of duty. (DNR: Commissioned Officers' Physicals) The department is authorized to pay for the cost of physical examinations for department personnel who are required to receive such physical examinations prior to receiving a law enforcement commission.

P240 Department of Natural Parameter	FY of Proviso Agency Reccomended		2022; 3 yrs	to 2022; 3 yrs Change	2024; 1 yr Keep 'y	2024; 1 yr Keep
à		Short Summary	The proviso allows the department to transfer residual funds appropriated for headquarters building rent to an earmarked fund at year end. The funds must only be expended for headquarters building rent, maintenance and to fund capital improvements	Provides for SC Conservation Bank grants match Wetlands and Wildlife Restoration grants.	Special Carryforward - Delayed Allow the department to carryforward Vehicle Equipment Delivery appropriations and authority when certain equipment delivery is delayed due to supply chain complications.	Allow the department to conduct wildlife habitat management activities on the SCPRT Ramsey Grove property in Georgetown County. And to manage a public waterfowl hunt on the property.
		Proviso Title	Building Maintenance Carry Forward	Matching Grant Program	Special Carryforward - Delayed Vehicle Equipment Delivery	Wildlife Habitat Management
	FY 2024-25	Base	47.15	47.16		47.18
	FY 2023-24	Act	47.15	47.16	47.18	47.19