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TO: Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

FROM: Kristin Walker *Kristin Walker*

SUBJECT: Grant Award

Pursuant to Session Law 2023-134 Section 4.2(a), the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) submits the attached Notification of Grant Award – National Wildlife Refuge System Enhancements – from the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission for consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.

Grant funds will be used to supplement funding from the State of North Carolina to complete dredging on the Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge portion of Outfall/Central Canal. Funds will support the design and implementation contracts for dredging as well as analysis and potential placement of dredged material on Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge and other NC Wildlife Resources Commission game lands. The total award amount is \$6,000,000 through September 30th, 2029.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Mark Bondo by email at mark.bondo@osbm.nc.gov.

Thank you.

Cc: Chairs, Senate Committee on Appropriations / Base Budget
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Inflation Reduction Act Funds; US Fish and Wildlife Service					
CFDA 15.654					
National Wildlife Refuge System Enhancements					
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30 Purpose of grant or amendment	The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) is the state government agency created by the NC General Assembly in 1947 to conserve and sustain the state's fish and wildlife resources through research, scientific management, wise use, and public input. The NCWRC plans to partner with other state regulatory agencies including, The North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (NCDMF), whose primary responsibility is stewardship of the state's marine and estuarine resources. NCDMF's jurisdiction encompasses all coastal waters and extends to 3 miles offshore. The NC Division of Coastal Management (NCDCM) works to protect, conserve, and manage NC's coastal resources through an integrated program of planning, permitting, education and research. These partnerships will not only be necessary for the regulatory permitting of the implementation of projects but through collaborative conversations will look to explore innovative strategies to combat the effects of sea level rise. The NCWRC also seeks to partner with Ducks Unlimited (DU). DU is the world's largest private waterfowl and wetland conservation organization. DU has been conserving, restoring, and managing wetlands and their associated habitats since its inception in 1937. This partnership will increase capacity in state-of-the-art wetland engineering, habitat enhancement expertise, as well as innovative implementation strategies.
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