

AGENCY SNAPSHOT

Department of Natural Resources

State Constitution

Declares conservation of the state's natural resources is a matter of public concern
Declares citizens of this state have the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife

Executive

Provides support and programs, including legal services, human resources, audit management, legislative support, environmental review for impact, engineering, and media and outreach

Marine Resources

Works to sustain the state's living marine resources for the cultural, recreational, commercial and economic benefit of the state's citizens and visitors

Land, Water, and Conservation

Develops and implements programs to 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

Develops public support through outreach, education and safety programs; preserves the peace and protects human lives and property; and enforces the state's criminal laws

Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries

Monitors and protects wildlife and inland aquatic species and their habitats, and provides recreational hunting and fishing opportunities to the public

Office of Support Services

Supports administrative and business processes including boat titling and licenses

FY 17-18

Resources

675 FTEs
101 Temp/Grant Employees
\$123.8M Appropriated and Authorized

SUCCESSES

•Focus on the public (e.g., maintaining over one million acres accessible to the public for hunting and fishing)

•Focus on the economy (e.g., return on investment based solely on striped bass and cold water trout fisheries is \$111 for each \$1 spent operating the hatchery system)

•Focus on the staff (e.g., career path for Law Enforcement Division; pay plan for Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division and Marine Resources Division)

CHALLENGES

- Accessing stable, recurring state funding to match federal grants
- Increasing accessibility to the entire department for the public (e.g., boating customer service area fronting a busy street with very limited parking in downtown Columbia, SC)
- Implementing succession planning and competitive salaries

Figure 1. Snapshot of state constitution natural resource provisions, agency functional organizational units, fiscal year 2017-18 resources, successes, and challenges.¹