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COOPERATIVE WILDLIFE RESEARCH UNIT ESTABLISHED IN NORTH CAROLINA

Establishment of a Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit at North Carolina State College, in Raleigh—the 18th such unit to be organized—was announced today by Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman.

The new wildlife research unit is a cooperative project of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Wildlife Management Institute, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, and North Carolina State College.

Sixteen other similar units in the United States and one in Alaska are all located at colleges and universities.

The Cooperative Wildlife Research Units "bring closer cooperation between private, Federal and State wildlife agencies and the respective universities and colleges — a cooperation vitally needed in any program of conservation," Secretary Chapman said.

The Cooperative Wildlife Research program was initiated in 1935. The program trains personnel for positions in the field of wildlife management, conducts research basic to the proper utilization of wildlife resources, promotes education through such means as demonstrations, lectures and publications, and provides technical assistance to conservation agencies in their wildlife management programs.

The Fish and Wildlife Service assigns a biologist to each unit on a full-time basis. He supervises work of graduate student assistants and conducts research. University staff members are responsible for the formal training program and also participate in research activities. Cash contributions to the units are made primarily by the state game and fish commissions and the Wildlife Management Institute.

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