

## Organization

The Center Director will report administratively through the NCSU Department Head of Botany, and the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. An advisory counsel, including faculty with appointments at other NCSU Colleges and other research institutions; relevant state officials; and stakeholders with special knowledge of resource and environmental issues will be constituted as soon as appropriate in the planning process. The proposed director, Dr. JoAnn Burkholder, a distinguished aquatic environmental scientist, will be responsible for operation of the Center and will provide leadership for:

1. Developing the Center's aquatic environmental research, academic, and aquatic environmental outreach programs.
2. Fostering collaboration and cooperation among relevant environmental scientists, natural resource economists, and environmental education outreach specialists.
3. Developing external support to complement the resources committed by the College and the Department to provide services to faculty, staff, and students associated with the Center's activities.

Three classifications of resident faculty appointments are proposed for the Center: (a) research/teaching appointments, (b) research appointments, and (c) visiting scientist appointments, to augment expertise in certain specialty areas as needed. We also would provide for appropriate affiliate environmental sciences faculty desiring such status, having appointments in other NCSU departments and colleges, other research universities within the UNC system, private area universities, and/or research institutes.