REPORT

GAME AND FISH/STATE POLICE SUBCOMMITTEE of the ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OCTOBER 16, 2009

Mr. Co-Chairmen:

The Arkansas Legislative Council - Game and Fish/State Police Subcommittee met with representatives of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) and Congressman Mike Ross on Friday, September 18, 2009, at the Rick Evans Grandview Prairie Conservation Education Center in Columbus, Arkansas.

Scott Henderson, AGFC Director, recognized Matt Hodges, AGFC Assistant Chief of Wildlife, for a presentation on the implementation of the Telecheck System, which replaces past game check methods for deer and turkey harvests. Beginning October 1, 2009, the checking of deer and turkey must be done by either calling toll free at (877) 507-4263 or online at www.gamecheck.agfc.com within 24 hours of harvest. Check stations will only be utilized for collection of deer biological data for WMA hunts, Deer Camps participating in DMAP, Timber Companies, and Private Consultants.

Mr. Henderson announced that the AGFC will be the first state conservation agency in the nation to develop and release a free iPhone application with the ability to check game and search hunting and fishing information, including the ability to check harvest, view season regulations and bag limits, get weekly fishing reports, and purchase hunting and fishing licenses.

Respectfully submitted,	
Senator Paul Bookout, Co-Chairman	Representative Monty Davenport, Co-Chairman