REPORT OF THE GAME & FISH/STATE POLICE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

September 19, 2014

Co-Chairs:

The ALC - Game & Fish/State Police Subcommittee met with representatives from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) on Monday, August 25, at the C.B. "Charlie" Craig State Fish Hatchery in Centerton and on Tuesday, August 26, at the Janet Huckabee Arkansas River Valley Nature Center in Fort Smith and report the discussion of the following items by the noted speakers:

Monday, August 25, 2014 -

- 1. Don Brader, Assistant Chief of Fisheries, AGFC, presented an overview of the statewide fish hatchery system.
- Melissa Jones, Assistant Chief, Coldwater Coordinator, AGFC, updated the committee on the renovation, repair and construction at the Jim Hinkle/Spring River State Fish Hatchery; including reports of annual trout production and Federal Mitigation Trout Hatcheries.

Tuesday, August 26, 2014 -

- 3. Myron Means, Statewide Bear Program Coordinator, AGFC, provided an update on the Black Bear Program in Arkansas.
- 4. Local reptile enthusiasts Jeremy Sloan and Brad Birchfield presented a live snake demonstration developed to educate the importance of snakes to our environment, which included a variety of venomous and nonvenomous snakes.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Jon Woods

Representative Butch Wilkins