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Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
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Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request amendments to SB12, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission 2022-2023 Operating appropriation act. As the Commissioners and I chart a new strategic direction for the next biennium, these amendments are vital to ensure Arkansas Game and Fish Commission can compensate for challenges in inflation in calendar years 2021 and 2022, avoid further material delays in existing construction and renovation projects, and position the agency for the FY24 and FY25 biennium.

Please amend Section 1 to add the following positions for FY23:

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Annual Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Salary Rate 2022- 2023
(9)	Q257U	AGFC DIVISION CHIEF	9 11	\$106,902
(29)	Q275U	AGFC BIOLOGIST SUPERVISOR	22 23	\$86,609
(38)	Q287U	AGFC BIOLOGIST SPECIALIST	53 54	\$80,624
Max Number of Employees			630 634	

These additional positions are required in order to transition to a deeper, enduring, and strategic focus on recreational shooting and private land wildlife management. More specifically, these positions will lead the effort in FY23 to elevate the existing recreational shooting and private lands programs into standalone divisions in the next biennium.

Please amend Section 3. Appropriation - Operations to add the following appropriation:

(06) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	34,471,984	<u>35,471,984</u>
(C) PROF. FEES	4,309,003	<u>5,309,003</u>
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	8,885,000	<u>12,885,000</u>
(08) CONSTRUCTION	13,000,000	<u>18,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$124,222,887	<u>\$135,222,887</u>

This request includes \$1,000,000 in Operating Expenses and \$1,000,000 in Professional Fees that would allow the commission to assess and replace aging technology infrastructure and systems. AGFC requests an additional \$4,000,000 in Capital Outlay to enable the Commission to continue the timely replacement of fleet and equipment. Supply chain issues have caused unprecedented delays in delivery. Vehicles, boats, and other equipment ordered in FY2022 will likely not be received until FY2023. Lastly, an additional \$5,000,000 in Construction appropriation. AGFC and the Arkansas Department of Transportation are working together to manage the Marine Fuel Tax Program. Under a current proposal, the Commission would directly procure and coordinate projects funded by Marine Fuel Tax.

Please Insert the following Section and renumber accordingly:

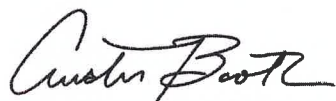
SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOT PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS A SPECIAL LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ENFORCEMENT SALARIES. In order to allow the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to seek and employ qualified law enforcement officers and maintain sustainable staffing levels, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission may exceed the maximum annual salary rate by no more than twenty percent (20%) for the following positions:

<u>Class</u>	
<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>
<u>Q256U</u>	<u>AGFC COLONEL</u>
<u>Q261U</u>	<u>AGFC MAJOR</u>
<u>Q267U</u>	<u>AGFC CAPTAIN</u>
<u>Q276U</u>	<u>AGFC LIEUTENANT</u>
<u>Q284U</u>	<u>AGFC SERGEANT</u>
<u>Q288U</u>	<u>AGFC CORPORAL</u>
<u>Q299U</u>	<u>AGFC WILDLIFE OFFICER 1ST CLASS</u>
<u>Q309U</u>	<u>AGFC WILDLIFE OFFICER</u>

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

This special language is necessary to allow the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to keep enforcement officers' compensation at a level to allow stable recruitment and to maximize mission accomplishment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Austin Booth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Austin" and the last name "Booth" clearly distinguishable.

Austin Booth, Director
Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

ARKANSAS SENATE
93rd General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2022
Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 12

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR THE
2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ____ to Senate Bill No. 12

Amend Senate Bill No. 12 as originally introduced:

Page 2, line 2, delete "9" and substitute "11"

AND

Page 2, line 22, delete "22" and substitute "23"

AND

Page 2, line 31, delete "53" and substitute "54"

AND

Page 4, line 16, delete "630" and substitute "634"

AND

Page 5, line 5, delete "34,471,984" and substitute "35,471,984"

AND

Page 5, line 7, delete "4,309,003" and substitute "5,309,003"

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Page 5, line 8, delete "8,885,000" and substitute "12,885,000"

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Page 5, line 11, delete "13,000,000" and substitute "18,000,000"

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Page 5, line 12, delete "\$124,222,887" and substitute "\$135,222,887"

AND

Page 7, immediately following SECTION 9, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

" SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ENFORCEMENT SALARIES. In order to allow the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to seek and employ qualified law enforcement officers and maintain sustainable staffing levels, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission may exceed the maximum annual salary rate by no more than twenty percent (20%) for the following positions:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Title</u>
<u>Code</u>	
<u>0256U</u>	<u>AGFC COLONEL</u>
<u>0261U</u>	<u>AGFC MAJOR</u>
<u>0267U</u>	<u>AGFC CAPTAIN</u>
<u>0276U</u>	<u>AGFC LIEUTENANT</u>
<u>0284U</u>	<u>AGFC SERGEANT</u>
<u>0288U</u>	<u>AGFC CORPORAL</u>
<u>0299U</u>	<u>AGFC WILDLIFE OFFICER 1ST CLASS</u>
<u>0309U</u>	<u>AGFC WILDLIFE OFFICER</u>

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023."

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTIONS of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Joint Budget Committee

By: Senator Hill

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Secretary

State of Arkansas

93rd General Assembly

Fiscal Session, 2022

A Bill

SENATE BILL 12

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE GAME
AND FISH COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
30, 2023; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND
FISH COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR THE
2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the
following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual	
		Maximum	Salary Rate
		No. of	Fiscal Year
Item	Class		
No.	Code Title	Employees	2022-2023
(1)	Q249U AGFC DIRECTOR	1	\$152,638
(2)	Q250U AGFC CHIEF OF STAFF	1	\$124,275
(3)	Q251U AGFC DEPUTY DIRECTOR	3	\$122,957
(4)	Q255U AGFC CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1	\$120,265
(5)	Q252U AGFC VETERINARIAN	1	\$118,228
(6)	Q266U AGFC IT ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	1	\$116,351
(7)	Q254U AGFC GENERAL COUNSEL	1	\$113,681



1	(8)	Q253U AGFC BIOSTATISTICIAN	1	\$113,681
2	(9)	Q257U AGFC DIVISION CHIEF	9 11	\$106,902
3	(10)	Q256U AGFC COLONEL	1	\$106,902
4	(11)	Q265U AGFC SOFTWARE ENGINEER LEAD	1	\$103,265
5	(12)	Q258U AGFC GIS LEAD	1	\$103,265
6	(13)	Q355U AGFC MARKETING MANAGER	1	\$96,303
7	(14)	Q263U AGFC ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	\$96,303
8	(15)	Q261U AGFC MAJOR	3	\$96,303
9	(16)	Q260U AGFC DIVISION ASST CHIEF	16	\$96,303
10	(17)	Q271U AGFC SENIOR GIS ANALYST	1	\$89,744
11	(18)	Q270U AGFC CONSERVATION PROGRAM MANAGER	1	\$89,744
12	(19)	Q269U AGFC ATTORNEY	2	\$89,744
13	(20)	Q268U AGFC ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	1	\$89,744
14	(21)	Q267U AGFC CAPTAIN	14	\$89,744
15	(22)	Q283U AGFC SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	2	\$86,609
16	(23)	Q281U AGFC NETWORK SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	\$86,609
17	(24)	Q280U AGFC HATCHERY MANAGER	5	\$86,609
18	(25)	Q279U AGFC GIS ANALYST	3	\$86,609
19	(26)	Q278U AGFC OPERATIONS & FACILITY MANAGER	3	\$86,609
20	(27)	Q277U AGFC NATURE CENTER MANAGER	5	\$86,609
21	(28)	Q276U AGFC LIEUTENANT	16	\$86,609
22	(29)	Q275U AGFC BIOLOGIST SUPERVISOR	22 23	\$86,609
23	(30)	Q274U AGFC BIOLOGIST PROGRAM SPECIALIST	9	\$86,609
24	(31)	Q284U AGFC SERGEANT	25	\$83,571
25	(32)	Q354U AGFC ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	\$80,624
26	(33)	Q292U AGFC PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	\$80,624
27	(34)	Q291U AGFC GRANTS MANAGER	1	\$80,624
28	(35)	Q290U AGFC ASSISTANT HATCHERY MANAGER	5	\$80,624
29	(36)	Q289U AGFC LICENSING MANAGER	1	\$80,624
30	(37)	Q288U AGFC CORPORAL	125	\$80,624
31	(38)	Q287U AGFC BIOLOGIST SPECIALIST	53 54	\$80,624
32	(39)	Q286U AGFC BIOLOGIST - ASST REGIONAL MANAGER	10	\$80,624
33	(40)	Q285U AGFC CONSTRUCTION MANAGER	1	\$80,624
34	(41)	Q299U AGFC WILDLIFE OFFICER 1ST CLASS	1	\$75,004
35	(42)	Q298U AGFC PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	\$75,004
36	(43)	Q297U AGFC GRANTS COORDINATOR	2	\$75,004

1	(80)	Q332U AGFC FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER	1	\$58,767
2	(81)	Q331U AGFC FIRING RANGE SPECIALIST	1	\$58,767
3	(82)	Q330U AGFC COMMERCIAL GRAPHIC ARTIST	2	\$58,767
4	(83)	Q329U AGFC CALIBRATION TECHNICIAN	2	\$58,767
5	(84)	Q328U AGFC ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE COORDINATOR	17	\$58,767
6	(85)	Q336U AGFC MULTI-MEDIA SPECIALIST	1	\$55,969
7	(86)	Q335U AGFC MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	6	\$55,969
8	(87)	Q334U AGFC INVENTORY CONTROL MANAGER	2	\$55,969
9	(88)	Q340U AGFC FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	6	\$53,304
10	(89)	Q339U AGFC ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	29	\$53,304
11	(90)	Q342U AGFC PRINTER	1	\$50,131
12	(91)	Q341U AGFC FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	1	\$50,131
13	(92)	Q343U AGFC LICENSING SPECIALIST	8	\$47,140
14	(93)	Q344U AGFC ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	1	\$44,319
15	(94)	Q345U AGFC MAIL SERVICES SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	\$39,155
16	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES		630 634	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one hundred eighty-five (185) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, to be payable from the Game Protection Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$39,586,383
(02) EXTRA HELP	1,312,500

1	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	12,957,482
2	(04) OVERTIME	250,000
3	(05) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	1,000,000
4	(06) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$35,471,984 34,471,984
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	450,535
7	(C) PROF. FEES	\$5,309,003 4,309,003
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	\$12,885,000 8,885,000
9	(E) DATA PROC.	0
10	(07) GAME AND FISH GRANTS	8,000,000
11	(08) CONSTRUCTION	\$18,000,000 13,000,000
12	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$124,222,887
13		\$135,222,887

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - GAS LEASE REVENUES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, to be payable from the Game Protection Fund, for maintenance and general operations, capital projects, acquisition of land and conservation easements, grants, and expenses associated with Natural Disaster Response of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2022-2023
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$350,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	350,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	250,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) GAS LEASE GRANTS	50,000
(03) NATURAL DISASTER RESPONSE	<u>3,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$4,000,000</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CONSERVATION PARTNERS PROGRAM GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, to be payable from the Game Protection Fund, for grants to conservation partners, or other eligible entities for operating, equipment, and maintenance expenses

associated with addressing statewide hunger needs of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2022-2023
(01) CONSERVATION PARTNERS PROGRAM GRANTS	<u>\$150,000</u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - BLACK RIVER SETTLEMENT FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, to be payable from the Game Protection Fund, for all expenses associated with the mitigation to the hardwood timber destruction in the Wildlife Management Area, inclusive of Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2022-2023
(01) RESTORATION OF BLACK RIVER WMA EXPENSES	<u>\$13,250,000</u>

SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PAYMENT OF REWARDS. Payment of rewards shall be from the Game Protection Fund from the Commission's Maintenance and General Operation appropriation as herein appropriated in the Operating Expenses line item of the Operations appropriation.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2021 ~~2022~~ through June 30, 2022 2023.

SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Agency is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item authorized in the Operations appropriation to any other line item authorized in the Operations appropriation and the Agency is authorized to

1 transfer appropriation from any line item authorized in the Gas Lease
2 Revenues appropriation to any other line item authorized in the same section.

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2021
4 2022 through June 30, 2022 2023.

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6 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

8 PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission is hereby
9 authorized to purchase from the Maintenance & General Operation
10 Classifications in the Operations Appropriation provided by this Act for
11 promotional items in an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars
12 (\$50,000), as authorized by the Director of the Commission to meet fish and
13 wildlife conservations and education needs.

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2021
15 2022 through June 30, 2022 2023.

16 → *Insert Special Language (see amendment KCS062) will be heard
by Special Language -*

17 SECTION 10. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
18 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
19 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
20 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
21 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
22 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
23 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
24 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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26 SECTION 11. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
27 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
28 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
29 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
30 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
31 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
32 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
33 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
34 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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36 SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after July 1,

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