

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Budget Manual

Comparing Appropriations and
Operations for the 2021-2023 Biennium
with requests for the 2023-25 Biennium



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ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

State Contracts Over \$50,000 Awarded to Minority Owned Business Fiscal Year 2022

**ARKANSAS PLANNING BUDGETING & ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM
STATE CONTRACTS OVER \$50,000 AWARDED TO MINORITY OWNED BUSINESSES
Fiscal Year 2022
Required by A.C.A. 25-36-104**

AGENCY: 0080 ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

Minority Business	Total Contract Awarded	Minority Type per A.C.A. 15-4-303 (2)					
		African American	Hispanic American	American Indian	Asian American	Pacific Islander American	Disabled Veteran
CURTIS CONSTRUCTION INC	\$175,014	X					
ETC ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS INC	\$637,345				X		
KESSER INTERNATIONAL INC	\$191,890	X					

TOTAL NUMBER OF MINORITY CONTRACTS AWARDED	3
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR CONTRACTS AWARDED	\$36,209,112
% OF MINORITY CONTRACTS AWARDED	1.11 %

Employment Summary

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	440	146	586	94%
Black Employees	15	12	27	4%
Other Racial Minorities	6	7	13	2%
Total Minorities			40	6%
Total Employees			626	100%

Publications

A.C.A. 25-1-201 et seq.

Name	Statutory Authorization	Required for		# of Copies	Reason(s) for Continued Publication and Distribution	Unbound Black & White Copies Produced During the Last Two Years	Cost of Unbound Copies Produced During the Last Two Years
		Governor	General Assembly				
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Agency Commentary

The Commission is responsible for the “control, management, restoration, conservation and regulation of bird, fish, game, and wildlife resources of the State.” The Commission is vested with the exclusive authority and responsibility to manage and regulate all of the wildlife resources of Arkansas. This responsibility pertains to nongame species, as well as to game species of fish and wildlife. AGFC manages wildlife and fisheries assets and habitat across the state, including over 3.2 million acres of land on Wildlife Management Areas and through cooperative agreements. AGFC manages 600,000 acres of lakes, five fish hatcheries and a net pen, 20 local and regional offices, and nine nature centers.

Details of the Commission budget request are below. Broadly, the Commission’s request for the 2023- 2025 Biennium includes a comprehensive license restructuring, the continued development of two new divisions, the implementation of the Commission’s Strategic Plan *Natural State Tomorrow*, and additional targeted habitat work through the Recovering America’s Wildlife Act, which is expected to pass congress this calendar year.

License Fee Restructuring

The Commission request reflects a comprehensive license restructuring to take effect in FY25. The restructuring will introduce a much simplified, consumption-based structure and produce an additional \$12 million in resident and \$3 million in non-resident annual license revenues. Simply put, this license restructuring is the greatest investment in the Arkansas outdoors since the Conservation Sales Tax.

In addition to restoring the original intent and impact of the Conservation Sales Tax, the restructuring will sustain and build upon the Commission’s progress in FY22, FY23, and in implementing *Natural State Tomorrow*. More specifically, the license restructuring will bring Arkansans and Arkansas’ \$9.7 billion outdoor recreation industry the following:

- Creation of Private Lands Division to provide private landowners habitat incentives and technical assistance.
- Creation of Recreational Shooting Division to increase public shooting access and deepen the connection between conservation and hunting.
- Addition of 5,000 acres of priority habitat and public access to the Commission’s WMA system

- Renovation of three lakes and major habitat and fishing enhancements on 30 reservoirs
- Renewed commitment to black bass anglers through tournament and stocking programs
- Water quality projects on 200 miles of rivers and streams
- Habitat restoration on 30,000 acres throughout Arkansas
- Modernization of major Commission infrastructure

Without the restructuring, however, the Commission will be forced to prioritize current readiness at the expense of the growth necessary to meet the desires of Arkansans. Instead, the Commission will first prioritize legacy maintenance of existing infrastructure and continued improvements to the Commission's IT and cyber security platforms.

At best, failing to restructure preserves the agency's reactive posture.

Continued Development of Recreational Shooting Division and Private Lands Division

These two divisions are critical as AGFC works to best serve the citizens of Arkansas while continuing the conservation of Arkansas's natural resources.

Recreational Shooting Division: A Recreational Shooting Division has been created to expand support of youth shooting sports and increase recreational shooting opportunities through the development of new ranges. Recreational shooting has recently increased in popularity, and federal excise tax funds from the sale of guns and ammunition support conservation in Arkansas.

Private Lands Division: A Private Lands Division has been created to increase capacity for work on private lands. With 90% of Arkansas in private ownership, the agency is adding resources to more comprehensively work with private landowners to deliver fish, wildlife, water, and habitat conservation.

Recovering America's Wildlife Act

The Commission's unfunded appropriation request also reflects the potential passage of The Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA) which is a landmark effort to address the conservation of Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) across the country. Upon passage by Congress, Arkansas will be eligible to receive increased funding for the execution of the Arkansas Wildlife Action Plan (AWAP). This document guides the Commission's efforts to protect the integrity of Arkansas native fish and wildlife.

Department Appropriation Summary

Includes License Fee Change

Appropriation	Historical Data						Agency Request							
	2021-2022		2022-2023		2022-2023		2023-2024				2024-2025			
	Actual	Pos	Budget	Pos	Authorized	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive*	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive*	Pos
259 Operations	94,584,291	612	149,240,846	634	135,223,706	634	148,646,853	636	0	0	150,646,853	636	0	0
33Y Gas Lease Revenue	75,387	0	4,000,000	0	4,000,000	0	5,000,000	0	0	0	5,000,000	0	0	0
F06 Conservation Partners Program Grants	113,678	0	150,000	0	150,000	0	150,000	0	0	0	150,000	0	0	0
M99 Black River	268,513	0	12,858,743	0	13,250,000	0	13,250,000	0	0	0	13,250,000	0	0	0
BA9 Marine Fuel Tax**	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,000,000	0	0	0	6,000,000	0	0	0
Total	95,041,869	612	166,249,589	634	152,623,706	634	173,046,853	636	0	0	175,046,853	636	0	0

Funding Sources		%		%			%		%		%		%
Fund Balance	4000005	68,271,992	40	75,686,244	43		9,516,941	8	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Revenue	4000020	23,303,953	14	26,161,774	15		28,777,951	25	0	0	28,777,951	23	0
Special Revenue	4000030	31,257,166	18	29,865,586	17		27,000,000	23	0	0	42,000,000	34	0
Interest	4000300	160,684	0	100,000	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	4000370	4,632,702	3	2,150,000	1		5,000,000	4	0	0	5,000,000	4	0
Conservation Tax	4000453	43,101,616	25	41,802,926	24		43,000,000	37	0	0	44,000,000	36	0
Interagency Fund Transfer		0	0	0	0		3,600,000	3	0	0	3,600,000	3	0
Total Funding		170,728,113	100	175,766,530	100		116,894,892	100	0	0	123,377,951	100	0
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(75,686,244)		(9,516,941)			56,151,960		0	0	51,668,901		0
Grand Total		95,041,869		166,249,589			173,046,853		0	0	175,046,853		0

*Executive Recommendations are not given to constitutional agencies.

** New Fund Center Expenditures and Budget for FY22 reflected in Operations 259

Department Appropriation Summary

Without License Fee Change

Appropriation	Historical Data						Agency Request							
	2021-2022		2022-2023		2022-2023		2023-2024				2024-2025			
	Actual	Pos	Budget	Pos	Authorized	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive*	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive*	Pos
259 Operations	94,584,291	612	149,240,846	634	135,223,706	634	148,646,853	636	0	0	150,646,853	636	0	0
33Y Gas Lease Revenue	75,387	0	4,000,000	0	4,000,000	0	5,000,000	0	0	0	5,000,000	0	0	0
F06 Conservation Partners Program Grants	113,678	0	150,000	0	150,000	0	150,000	0	0	0	150,000	0	0	0
M99 Black River	268,513	0	12,858,743	0	13,250,000	0	13,250,000	0	0	0	13,250,000	0	0	0
BA9 Marine Fuel Tax**	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,000,000	0	0	0	6,000,000	0	0	0
Total	95,041,869	612	166,249,589	634	152,623,706	634	173,046,853	636	0	0	175,046,853	636	0	0

Funding Sources		%		%			%		%		%		%
Fund Balance	4000005	68,271,992	40	75,686,244	43		9,516,941	8	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Revenue	4000020	23,303,953	14	26,161,774	15		28,777,951	25	0	0	28,777,951	27	0
Special Revenue	4000030	31,257,166	18	29,865,586	17		27,000,000	23	0	0	27,000,000	25	0
Interest	4000300	160,684	0	100,000	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	4000370	4,632,702	3	2,150,000	1		5,000,000	4	0	0	5,000,000	5	0
Conservation Tax	4000453	43,101,616	25	41,802,926	24		43,000,000	37	0	0	44,000,000	41	0
Interagency Fund Transfer		0	0	0	0		3,600,000	3	0	0	3,600,000	3	0
Total Funding		170,728,113	100	175,766,530	100		116,894,892	100	0	0	108,377,951	100	0
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(75,686,244)		(9,516,941)			56,151,960		0	0	66,668,901		0
Grand Total		95,041,869		166,249,589			173,046,853		0	0	175,046,853		0

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** New Fund Center Expenditures and Budget for FY22 reflected in Operations 259

Agency Commentary - Operations

Appropriation: 259 - Operations

Funding Source: SDG - Game Protection Fund

The Operations Appropriation Section houses the operating expenses for all Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) Divisions. This appropriation section is funded primarily from Conservation Sales Tax, License Sales, and Federal Revenues.

The Commission's request reflects a comprehensive license restructuring in FY25. The restructuring will introduce a simplified, consumption-based structure and produce an estimated increase of \$15 million annually. Revenue increases from the license fee restructuring will help fund the continued implementation of *Natural State Tomorrow*, including the continued development of the Private Lands and Shooting Sports Divisions, adding acres of priority habitats to WMAs, major habitat and water quality renovations through Arkansas, and a renewed commitment to a trophy bass program.

The Commission's request is for additional appropriations of \$13,423,147 in FY 24 and \$15,423,147 in FY25 with the following changes:

Regular Salaries increase of \$107,591 each year of the biennium to provide for the continuation of two positions approved during the September Arkansas Legislative Council Personnel Meeting. One (1) AGFC Accountant II and One (1) AGFC Statewide Program Manager.

Extra Help appropriation increase of \$187,500 each year of the biennium to provide additional extra help labor for habitat and resource management. The majority of the request will go toward a part-time assistant veterinarian funded through federal grants.

Personal Services Matching increase of \$92,875 each year of the biennium to provide matching for the Regular Salaries and Extra Help increases requested above.

Operating Expenditure appropriation increase of \$10,230,000 in FY 24 and \$11,230,000 in FY 25 to provide for the following:

- \$5,000,000 in FY24 and \$6,000,000 in FY25 for increased conservation actions under the anticipated Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA.) These will include activities like prescribed fire, streambank stabilization, aquatic barrier removals, wildlife stand improvements, and timber stand improvements.
- \$920,000 each year of the biennium to allow the expansion of habitat management by 25% through the Habitat and Wetlands Programs.
- \$486,000 each year of the biennium associated with the new Private Lands Division for the expansion of the Acres for Wildlife and Private Land Dove Field Programs and other overhead for the Division.
- A reallocation of \$2,059,000 each year of the biennium from professional services to operating expenses to allow the commission to pay its license system vendor fees from the appropriate commitment item and offset additional operation expense needs.
- \$1,020,000 each year of the biennium for critical technology updates of the commission's data center, database, access control center, and cell boosters.
- \$470,000 each year of the biennium for Enforcement Division equipment updates, including mobile routers and data terminals to be used with body cameras.
- \$175,000 each year of the biennium to add 5 USGS gauges at Wildlife Management Areas.
- \$100,000 each year of the biennium to initiate a trophy bass stocking program.

Professional Fees appropriation reallocation of (\$2,059,000) each year of the biennium to Operating Expenses to allow the commission to pay its license system vendor fees from the appropriate commitment item and offset additional operation expenses needs.

Capital Outlay appropriation request of \$20,000,000 each year of the biennium to provide for equipment, fleet, land purchases, and land improvements. This increase of \$7,115,000 over FY23 appropriation levels will provide the following:

- \$4,000,000 each year of the biennium for land purchases and land improvements under the anticipated Recovering America's Wildlife Act.
- \$3,115,000 and to allow for the replacement of equipment and fleet due to the backlog of purchases caused by supply chain issues.

Grants and Aid increase of \$3,750,000 FY24 and \$4,750,000 in FY25 in anticipation of RAWA to be used for pass-through grants to Universities and other non-profit NGOs to conduct studies on Species of Greatest Conservation Needs and their habitats.

Construction appropriation of \$12,000,000 each year of the biennium allows for a transfer of \$6,000,000 in current appropriation to a newly requested fund center for the Marine Fuel Tax Program AGFC coordinates with the Arkansas Department of Transportation to provide access to waterways across the state.

As in the previous biennial budget, the agency's budget request includes appropriation above current funding levels. This ensures that appropriations in all commitment items will allow the commission the flexibility to adjust priorities as planning advances, as opportunities or needs arise, and cover major construction projects that are carried over from one fiscal year to the next. Appropriation requests related to RAWA are included in the excess appropriation request pending Congress's passage of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 259 - Operations

Funding Sources: SDG - Game Protection Fund

Commitment Item		Historical Data			Agency Request			
		2021-2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024		2024-2025	
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive*	Agency	Executive*
Regular Salaries	5010000	29,638,205	50,380,384	39,586,383	39,693,974	0	39,693,974	0
#Positions		612	634	634	636	0	636	0
Extra Help	5010001	999,561	1,312,500	1,312,500	1,500,000	0	1,500,000	0
#Extra Help		185	185	185	185	0	185	0
Personal Services Matching	5010003	10,683,040	16,180,621	12,957,482	13,050,357	0	13,050,357	0
Overtime	5010006	0	250,000	250,000	250,000	0	250,000	0
Uniform Allowance	5010016	804,231	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	0
Operating Expenses	5020002	28,905,119	35,471,984	35,471,984	45,701,984	0	46,701,984	0
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	128,517	450,535	450,535	450,535	0	450,535	0
Professional Fees	5060010	3,561,105	5,309,003	5,309,003	3,250,003	0	3,250,003	0
Construction	5090005	9,169,490	18,000,000	18,000,000	12,000,000	0	12,000,000	0
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants and Aid	5100004	4,427,075	8,000,000	8,000,000	11,750,000	0	12,750,000	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	6,267,151	12,885,000	12,885,000	20,000,000	0	20,000,000	0
Total		94,584,291	149,240,846	135,223,706	148,646,853	0	150,646,853	0

Funding Sources								
Fund Balance	4000005	50,371,499	57,833,807		8,348,247	0	0	0
Federal Revenue	4000020	23,303,953	26,161,774		28,777,951	0	28,777,951	0
Special Revenue	4000030	31,120,590	29,790,586		27,000,000	0	42,000,000	0
Other	4000370	4,520,440	2,000,000		5,000,000	0	5,000,000	0
Conservation Tax	4000453	43,101,616	41,802,926		43,000,000	0	44,000,000	0
Total Funding		152,418,098	157,589,093		112,126,198	0	119,777,951	0
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(57,833,807)	(8,348,247)		36,520,654	0	30,868,901	0
Grand Total		94,584,291	149,240,846		148,646,853	0	150,646,853	0

Includes License Fee Restructure

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Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 259 - Operations

Funding Sources: SDG - Game Protection Fund

Commitment Item		Historical Data			Agency Request			
		2021-2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024		2024-2025	
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive*	Agency	Executive*
Regular Salaries	5010000	29,638,205	50,380,384	39,586,383	39,693,974	0	39,693,974	0
#Positions		612	634	634	636	0	636	0
Extra Help	5010001	999,561	1,312,500	1,312,500	1,500,000	0	1,500,000	0
#Extra Help		185	185	185	185	0	185	0
Personal Services Matching	5010003	10,683,040	16,180,621	12,957,482	13,050,357	0	13,050,357	0
Overtime	5010006	0	250,000	250,000	250,000	0	250,000	0
Uniform Allowance	5010016	804,231	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	0
Operating Expenses	5020002	28,905,119	35,471,984	35,471,984	45,701,984	0	46,701,984	0
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	128,517	450,535	450,535	450,535	0	450,535	0
Professional Fees	5060010	3,561,105	5,309,003	5,309,003	3,250,003	0	3,250,003	0
Construction	5090005	9,169,490	18,000,000	18,000,000	12,000,000	0	12,000,000	0
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants and Aid	5100004	4,427,075	8,000,000	8,000,000	11,750,000	0	12,750,000	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	6,267,151	12,885,000	12,885,000	20,000,000	0	20,000,000	0
Total		94,584,291	149,240,846	135,223,706	148,646,853	0	150,646,853	0

Funding Sources								
Fund Balance	4000005	50,371,499	57,833,807		8,348,247	0	0	0
Federal Revenue	4000020	23,303,953	26,161,774		28,777,951	0	28,777,951	0
Special Revenue	4000030	31,120,590	29,790,586		27,000,000	0	27,000,000	0
Other	4000370	4,520,440	2,000,000		5,000,000	0	5,000,000	0
Conservation Tax	4000453	43,101,616	41,802,926		43,000,000	0	44,000,000	0
Total Funding		152,418,098	157,589,093		112,126,198	0	104,777,951	0
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(57,833,807)	(8,348,247)		36,520,654	0	45,868,901	0
Grand Total		94,584,291	149,240,846		148,646,853	0	150,646,853	0

Without License Fee Restructure

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Agency Commentary - Gas Lease Revenue

Appropriation: 33Y - Gas Lease Revenue

Funding Source: SDG - Game Protection Fund

This appropriation section is funded by gas lease revenues and is used as needed for natural disaster responses, gas lease grants, and other one-time needs of the commission. The Commission requires appropriation for natural disaster response due to AGFC's Enforcement officers historically being requested to respond to calls throughout the southeast US.

The Commission's request is \$5,000,000 each year of the biennium. This request includes the following:

- Operating Expenses increase of \$500,000 each year of the biennium for other needs to enhance the Commission, such as habitat initiatives, species management, and enforcement activities.
- Capital Outlay increases by \$500,000 each year of the biennium for equipment, fleet, and land purchases. This includes the acquisition of key properties to eliminate inholdings around current WMAs for the conservation of sensitive species and to provide greater access to the outdoors for Arkansans. Due to a significant lack of supply, equipment and fleet purchases have been reduced in recent years.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 33Y - Gas Lease Revenues
Funding Sources: SDG - Game Protection Fund

Commitment Item		Historical Data			Agency Request			
		2021-2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024		2024-2025	
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive*	Agency	Executive*
Operating Expenses	5020002	70,311	350,000	350,000	850,000	0	850,000	0
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Fees	5060010	5,076	350,000	350,000	350,000	0	350,000	0
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants and Aid	5100004	0	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	50,000	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	250,000	250,000	750,000		750,000	
Natural Disaster Response	5900046	0	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	0	3,000,000	0
Total		75,387	4,000,000	4,000,000	5,000,000	0	5,000,000	0

Funding Sources								
Fund Balance	4000005	4,985,166	5,091,424		1,166,424	0	0	0
Special Revenue	4000030	136,576	75,000		100,000	0	100,000	0
Interest	4000300	45,069	0		0	0	0	0
Total Funding		5,166,811	5,166,424		1,266,424	0	100,000	
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		-5,091,424	-1,166,424		3,733,576	0	4,900,000	
Grand Total		75,387	4,000,000		5,000,000	0	5,000,000	0

*Executive Recommendations are not given to constitutional agencies.

Agency Commentary - Conservation Partners Program Grants

Appropriation: F06 - Conservation Partners Program Grants

Funding Source: SDG - Game Protection Fund

The Commission utilizes this appropriation section to pass donation dollars collected on behalf of Arkansas Hunters Feeding The Hungry to the organization. AGFC provides an opportunity to donate with license sales and has helped collect over \$650,000 since Fiscal Year 2013.

The Commission requests the continuation of current appropriation levels.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: F06 - Conservation Partners Program Grants

Funding Sources: SDG - Game Protection Fund

Commitment Item		Historical Data			Agency Request			
		2021-2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024		2024-2025	
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive*	Agency	Executive*
Grants and Aid	5100004	113,678	150,000	150,000	150,000	0	150,000	0
Total		113,678	150,000	150,000	150,000	0	150,000	0

Funding Sources								
Fund Balance	4000005	3,686	2,270		2,270	0	0	0
Other	4000370	112,262	150,000		147,730	0	150,000	0
Total Funding		115,948	152,270		150,000	0	150,000	0
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		-2,270	-2,270		0	0	0	0
Grand Total		113,678	150,000		150,000	0	150,000	0

*Executive Recommendations are not given to constitutional agencies.

Agency Commentary - Black River

Appropriation: M99 - Black River Settlement

Funding Source: SDG - Game Protection Fund

This appropriation is funded by Black River Judgment dollars and can be used exclusively to mitigate the hardwood timber destruction in the Black River Wildlife Management Area.

The Commission requests the continuation of the current appropriation levels. AGFC expects to initiate the engineering and designs for this long-term habitat restoration project during FY 2023-2025 biennium.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: M99 - Black River Settlement

Funding Sources: SDG - Game Protection Fund

Commitment Item		Historical Data			Agency Request			
		2021-2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024		2024-2025	
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive*	Agency	Executive*
Restoration of Black River WMA	5900046	268,513	12,858,743	13,250,000	13,250,000	0	13,250,000	0
Total		268,513	12,858,743	13,250,000	13,250,000	0	13,250,000	0

Funding Sources								
Fund Balance	4000005	12,911,641	12,758,743		0	0	0	0
Interest	4000300	115,615	100,000		0	0	0	0
Total Funding		13,027,256	12,858,743		0	0	0	0
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		-12,758,743	0		13,250,000	0	13,250,000	0
Grand Total		268,513	12,858,743		13,250,000	0	13,250,000	0

*Executive Recommendations are not given to constitutional agencies.

Agency Commentary

Appropriation: BA9 - Marine Fuel Tax

Funding Source: SDG - Game Protection Fund

The Commission requested a separate appropriation section for the Marine Fuel Tax Program that is operated by the Commission via an MOU with the Arkansas Department of Transportation. The Program is funded by an interagency transfer from the ArDOT and is used to increase access to waterways across the state.

The Commission requests to transfer \$6 million in appropriation from the Operating Appropriation Section (259) to this fund center to be used for personal services and expenditures associated with increasing and improving access to waterways by funding roads, parking lots, boat ramps, and other enhancements of recreational access.

Excess appropriation is requested to ensure flexibility for projects to carry forward between fiscal years.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: BA9 - Marine Fuel Tax
Funding Sources: SDG - Game Protection Fund

Commitment Item	Historical Data			Agency Request			
	2021-2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024		2024-2025	
	Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive*	Agency	Executive*
Marine Fuel Tax Program 5900046	0	0	0	6,000,000	0	6,000,000	0
Total	0	0	0	6,000,000	0	6,000,000	0

Funding Sources							
Inter-agency Fund Transfer 4000316	0	0		3,600,000	0	3,600,000	0
Total Funding	0	0		3,600,000	0	3,600,000	0
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	0	0		2,400,000	0	2,400,000	0
Grand Total	0	0		6,000,000	0	6,000,000	0

*Executive Recommendations are not given to constitutional agencies.

Marine Fuel tax actual, budget, and authorized amounts currently reflected in 259 Operations.

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Personal Service Summary - Position Request

Job	2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-2025	
	Authorized Positions	Line Item Max	Authorized Positions	Line Item Max	Authorized Positions	Line Item Max
DIRECTOR	1	\$152,638	1	\$152,638	1	\$152,638
CHIEF OF STAFF	1	\$124,275	1	\$124,275	1	\$124,275
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	3	\$122,957	3	\$122,957	3	\$122,957
CHIEF INFORMATION	1	\$120,265	1	\$120,265	1	\$120,265
VETERINARIAN	1	\$118,228	1	\$118,228	1	\$118,228
IT ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	1	\$116,351	1	\$116,351	1	\$116,351
GENERAL COUNSEL	1	\$113,681	1	\$113,681	1	\$113,681
BIOSTATISTICIAN	1	\$113,681	1	\$113,681	1	\$113,681
DIVISION CHIEF	11	\$106,902	11	\$106,902	11	\$106,902
COLONEL	1	\$106,902	1	\$128,282	1	\$128,282
SOFTWARE ENGINEER LEAD	1	\$103,265	1	\$103,265	1	\$103,265
GIS LEAD	1	\$103,265	1	\$103,265	1	\$103,265
MARKETING MANAGER	1	\$96,303	1	\$96,303	1	\$96,303
ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	\$96,303	1	\$96,303	1	\$96,303
MAJOR	3	\$96,303	3	\$115,564	3	\$115,564
DIVISION ASST CHIEF	16	\$96,303	16	\$96,303	16	\$96,303
STATEWIDE PROGRAM MANAGER**	0	N/A	1	\$89,744	1	\$89,744
SENIOR GIS ANALYST	1	\$89,744	1	\$89,744	1	\$89,744
CONSERVATION PROGRAM MANAGER	1	\$89,744	1	\$89,744	1	\$89,744
ATTORNEY	2	\$89,744	2	\$89,744	2	\$89,744
ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	1	\$89,744	1	\$89,744	1	\$89,744
CAPTAIN	14	\$89,744	14	\$107,693	14	\$107,693
SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	2	\$86,609	2	\$86,609	2	\$86,609
NETWORK SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	\$86,609	2	\$86,609	2	\$86,609
HATCHERY MANAGER	5	\$86,609	5	\$86,609	5	\$86,609
GIS ANALYST	3	\$86,609	3	\$86,609	3	\$86,609
OPERATIONS & FACILITY MANAGER	3	\$86,609	3	\$86,609	3	\$86,609
NATURE CENTER MANAGER	5	\$86,609	5	\$86,609	5	\$86,609
LIEUTENANT	16	\$86,609	16	\$103,931	16	\$103,931

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Job	2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-2025	
	Authorized Positions	Line Item Max	Authorized Positions	Line Item Max	Authorized Positions	Line Item Max
BIOLOGIST SUPERVISOR	23	\$86,609	23	\$86,609	23	\$86,609
BIOLOGIST PROGRAM SPECIALIST	9	\$86,609	9	\$86,609	9	\$86,609
SERGEANT	25	\$83,571	25	\$100,285	25	\$100,285
ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	\$80,624	1	\$80,624	1	\$80,624
PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	\$80,624	1	\$80,624	1	\$80,624
GRANTS MANAGER	1	\$80,624	1	\$80,624	1	\$80,624
ASSISTANT HATCHERY MANAGER	5	\$80,624	5	\$80,624	5	\$80,624
LICENSING MANAGER	1	\$80,624	1	\$80,624	1	\$80,624
CORPORAL	125	\$80,624	125	\$96,749	125	\$96,749
BIOLOGIST SPECIALIST	54	\$80,624	54	\$80,624	54	\$80,624
BIOLOGIST - ASST REGIONAL MANAGER	10	\$80,624	10	\$80,624	10	\$80,624
CONSTRUCTION MANAGER	1	\$80,624	1	\$80,624	1	\$80,624
WILDLIFE OFFICER 1ST CLASS	1	\$75,004	1	\$90,005	1	\$90,005
PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	\$75,004	1	\$75,004	1	\$75,004
GRANTS COORDINATOR	2	\$75,004	2	\$75,004	2	\$75,004
EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR	7	\$75,004	7	\$75,004	7	\$75,004
BIOLOGIST	27	\$75,004	27	\$75,004	27	\$75,004
EDUCATION FACILITY MANAGER	5	\$71,432	5	\$71,432	5	\$71,432
WILDLIFE OFFICER	1	\$71,432	1	\$85,718	1	\$85,718
WEBSITE DEVELOPER	2	\$71,432	2	\$71,432	2	\$71,432
SURVEYOR	2	\$71,432	2	\$71,432	2	\$71,432
REAL ESTATE OFFICER	1	\$71,432	1	\$71,432	1	\$71,432
FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	2	\$71,432	2	\$71,432	2	\$71,432
CENTRAL WAREHOUSE OPERATIONS MGR	1	\$71,432	1	\$71,432	1	\$71,432
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	2	\$71,432	2	\$71,432	2	\$71,432
EDUCATION PROGRAM SPECIALIST	26	\$71,432	26	\$71,432	26	\$71,432
ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	2	\$71,432	2	\$71,432	2	\$71,432
LICENSING SUPERVISOR	2	\$71,432	2	\$71,432	2	\$71,432
ACCOUNTANT II**	2	\$68,031	3	\$68,031	3	\$68,031

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Job	2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-2025	
	Authorized Positions	Line Item Max	Authorized Positions	Line Item Max	Authorized Positions	Line Item Max
PRODUCTION ARTIST	1	\$68,031	1	\$68,031	1	\$68,031
MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	2	\$68,031	2	\$68,031	2	\$68,031
LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	\$68,031	1	\$68,031	1	\$68,031
HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	\$68,031	1	\$68,031	1	\$68,031
EDITOR	3	\$68,031	3	\$68,031	3	\$68,031
COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST	3	\$68,031	3	\$68,031	3	\$68,031
SENIOR TECHNICIAN	15	\$68,031	15	\$68,031	15	\$68,031
SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	\$67,289	1	\$67,289	1	\$67,289
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR	1	\$64,791	1	\$64,791	1	\$64,791
SKILLED TRADES SUPERVISOR	1	\$64,791	1	\$64,791	1	\$64,791
CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR	8	\$64,791	8	\$64,791	8	\$64,791
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS SUPERVISOR	1	\$64,791	1	\$64,791	1	\$64,791
REGIONAL OFFICE MANAGER	1	\$64,791	1	\$64,791	1	\$64,791
GIS TECHNICIAN	1	\$62,140	1	\$62,140	1	\$62,140
CONSERVATION PROGRAM TECHNICIAN	47	\$61,706	47	\$61,706	47	\$61,706
AUTO/DIESEL MECHANIC SUPERVISOR	1	\$61,706	1	\$61,706	1	\$61,706
SKILLED TRADESMAN	3	\$61,706	3	\$61,706	3	\$61,706
MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	2	\$61,706	2	\$61,706	2	\$61,706
FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	6	\$61,706	6	\$61,706	6	\$61,706
ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	3	\$61,706	3	\$61,706	3	\$61,706
SOFTWARE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	\$60,288	1	\$60,288	1	\$60,288
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST	10	\$58,767	10	\$58,767	10	\$58,767
FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER	1	\$58,767	1	\$58,767	1	\$58,767
FIRING RANGE SPECIALIST	1	\$58,767	1	\$58,767	1	\$58,767
COMMERCIAL GRAPHIC ARTIST	2	\$58,767	2	\$58,767	2	\$58,767
CALIBRATION TECHNICIAN	2	\$58,767	2	\$58,767	2	\$58,767
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE COORDINATOR	17	\$58,767	17	\$58,767	17	\$58,767
MULTI-MEDIA SPECIALIST	1	\$55,969	1	\$55,969	1	\$55,969
MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	6	\$55,969	6	\$55,969	6	\$55,969

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Job	2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-2025	
	Authorized Positions	Line Item Max	Authorized Positions	Line Item Max	Authorized Positions	Line Item Max
INVENTORY CONTROL MANAGER	2	\$55,969	2	\$55,969	2	\$55,969
FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	6	\$53,304	6	\$53,304	6	\$53,304
ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	29	\$53,304	29	\$53,304	29	\$53,304
PRINTER	1	\$50,131	1	\$50,131	1	\$50,131
FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	1	\$50,131	1	\$50,131	1	\$50,131
LICENSING SPECIALIST	8	\$47,140	8	\$47,140	8	\$47,140
ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	1	\$44,319	1	\$44,319	1	\$44,319
MAIL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	\$39,155	1	\$39,155	1	\$39,155
Total Positions	634		636		636	

**Denotes New Position

2023 - 2025 REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LANGUAGE IN APPROPRIATION ACT

AGENCY: 0080 ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

ACT#: 205

SECTION#: 7

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

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, ~~2022~~ 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

2023 - 2025 REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LANGUAGE IN APPROPRIATION ACT

AGENCY: 0080 ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

ACT#: 205

SECTION#: 8

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

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

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~ 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

2023 - 2025 REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LANGUAGE IN APPROPRIATION ACT

AGENCY: 0080 ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

ACT#: 205

SECTION#: 9

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

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

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~ 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

2023 - 2025 REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LANGUAGE IN APPROPRIATION ACT

AGENCY: 0080 ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

ACT#: 205

SECTION#: 10

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

~~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:~~

~~Class~~

~~Code — Title~~

~~0256U — AGFC COLONEL~~

~~0261U — AGFC MAJOR~~

~~0267U — AGFC CAPTAIN~~

~~0276U — AGFC LIEUTENANT~~

~~0284U — AGFC SERGEANT~~

~~0288U — AGFC CORPORAL~~

~~0299U — AGFC WILDLIFE OFFICER 1ST CLASS~~

~~0309U — AGFC WILDLIFE OFFICER~~

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