

# ARKANSAS STATE GAME & FISH COMMISSION

(#0080) 2009-11 BIENNIUM

## **I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

### **MISSION**

**Amendment 35 of 1945 to the State Constitution** establishes the Game & Fish Commission's responsibility and authority "for the control, management, restoration, conservation and regulation of birds, fish, game and wildlife resources of the State...".

**Amendment 75 of 1996 to the State Constitution levied an additional 1/8 of 1% Sales & Use Tax, of which the Commission receives 45%.**

The Commission is composed of eight members, seven appointed by the Governor & one ex-officio member who is Chairman of the Dept. of Biological Sciences at the University of Arkansas. The Commission selects and employs a Director to oversee the daily operation of the agency and carry out the directives of the Commission.

### **TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET**

Operations appropriation, authorized budget for FY10 totals \$88,692,363, with six hundred eleven (611) authorized employees and one hundred eighty five (185) extra help positions

Gas Lease Revenues appropriation, authorized budget for FY10 totals \$32,227,000, for various capital projects, land acquisition and conservation easements.

### **FUNDING SOURCE**

AGFC is funded primarily by special revenues (60%) consisting of 45% of the 1/8<sup>th</sup> of one % Conservation tax, the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, gas lease revenues, tags and permits; Federal Aid funding (19%); non-revenue, such as timber sales (15%); and fund balances (6%).

## **II) CHANGES/APPROPRIATIONS**

Gas Lease Revenues appropriation, authorized budget for FY10 totals \$32,227,000, for various capital projects, land acquisition and conservation easements.

Act 430 (SB524)

Supplemental to Act 1240 of 2007, provides appropriation of \$4,000,000 in the Oper. Expense line item for FY09.

## **III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS:**

Total Positions for FY 2009-11 Biennium:611

Total Positions for FY 2007-09 Biennium:598

Extra Help Positions: 185 (including an increase of 13 positions over FY09, 10 new positions and the restoration of 3 pool positions)

## **IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

**Payment of Rewards** - Authorizes reward payments from the Game & Protection Fund.

**Extra Help Restriction** - No employee may receive an amount to exceed 85% of the maximum annual salary for a comparable position during one fiscal year, nor they be employed more than 1,800 hours in a single fiscal year.