

ARKANSAS STATE GAME & FISH COMMISSION (#0080)

FISCAL YEAR 2011

D) 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 APPROPRIATION

The Commission operates from two appropriations, Operations and Gas Lease Revenues.

The Operations appropriation for Fiscal Year 2011 is \$88,692,363 and the Gas Lease Revenues appropriation is \$32,227,000.

FUNDING SOURCE

AGFC is funded primarily by special revenues (60%) consisting of 45% of the 1/8th 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 OVER FY2010: NONE

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS: NONE

Total Authorized for FY2011:611

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Extra Help Positions: 185

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.