

ARKANSAS STATE GAME & FISH COMMISSION

AGENCY (#0080) – 2011-13 BIENNIUM

Act 913 of 2011

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%.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

The Commission operates from two appropriations - Operations and Gas Lease Revenues. The total budget exceeds \$106 million each year of the biennium.

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: None

Decrease in appropriation, for both Operations and Gas Lease Revenues, over current authorizations.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS: None

Total Positions for FY2011-13: 602
Total Authorized Positions for FY2010-11: 611
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.