

ARKANSAS STATE GAME & FISH COMMISSION (0080)

FISCAL YEAR 2013

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 total appropriation for fiscal year 2013 is \$104,731,587 and operates from two appropriations, **Operations** and **Gas Lease Revenues**.

FUNDING SOURCE

AGFC is funded primarily by special revenues 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; non-revenue, such as timber sales; and fund balances.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES OVER FY2012:

Operations Appropriation – total increase in appropriation \$2,101,000.

Operations Expense line item increases totaling \$1,609,573, for grants, fuel purchases, and other expenses (gravel, rock, trash pickup, survey marking paint, sand).

Conference & Travel increases totaling \$15,934, for conf. & seminar fees, meals & lodging, and transportation costs.

Professional Fee increases totaling \$134,500, for professional admin fees, legal fees, and data processing services.

Capital Outlay increases totaling \$341,029, for vehicle purchases and various projects under construction.

Gas Lease Revenues Appropriation – total decrease in appropriation \$4,650,000.

Operations Expense decreases totaling \$4,450,000.

Capital Outlay decreases totaling \$200,000.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS: NONE

Total Positions FY 2013: 602

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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.