

ARKANSAS STATE GAME & FISH COMMISSION (0080)
FISCAL YEAR 2015

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 BUDGET

AGFC operates from three appropriations. The total appropriation for fiscal year 2015 is \$104,323,545, including Operations of \$89,862,860, Gas Lease Revenues of \$14,360,685, and Conservations Partners Program Grants of \$100,000.

FUNDING SOURCE

AGFC is funded primarily by special revenues consisting of 45% of the 1/8th of one % Conservation tax; proceeds from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, tags and permits; Federal Aid funding; non-revenues such as timber sales; gas lease revenues and available fund balances.

II) APPROPRIATION / CHANGES:

Debt Service appropriation of \$10,596,000 for the retirement of Public Purpose Revenue Bonds issued July 1, 2007.

III) POSITIONS:

Authorized Positions FY 2015: 612
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Extra Help Positions: 185

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE:

Transfer Provision – upon approval from CFO and review by ALC/JBC, authorizes transfer authority between commitment items within the Operations and Gas Lease Revenues appropriations.

Overtime Payments – provides for payments of overtime.

Hunters Feeding the Hungry - special language encouraging the AGFC to explore opportunities available in efforts to help sustain the Hunters Feeding the Hungry program, including the establishment of a check-off or similar program or other appropriate method to raise revenues for support of the program.

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.