

**STATE CATFISH PROMOTION BOARD (317)
FISCAL YEAR 2015**

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The Board was created by Act 790 of 1999. The Board's primary activities are to promote the growth and development of the catfish industry in Arkansas by research, extension, promotion and market development. The Board is made up of seven producers appointed by the governor. Three are nominated by and represent the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation and four are nominated by and represent The Catfish Farmers of Arkansas.

TOTAL AUTHORIZED

The total budget for FY2015 is \$255,000.

FUNDING SOURCE

The Board administers a one dollar per ton assessment on all catfish feed purchased by commercial Arkansas catfish producers and are disbursed by the Board to fund catfish research and promotion efforts.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

- The **Operations** appropriation, funded by Special Revenues, provides a total Base Level appropriation of \$255,000 with no change level requests.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

There are no authorized regular salary positions for the Arkansas Catfish Promotion Board.

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

NONE.