

**ARKANSAS STATE GAME & FISH COMMISSION (0080)**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2019**  
**PER JBC RECOMMENDATION**

**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** established the one-eighth of one percent Conservation Sales Tax, of which the Commission receives 45% of the net collections.

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

The total appropriation for the Commission is \$142,736,919 in FY2019.

**FUNDING SOURCES**

AGFC is funded primarily by special revenues consisting of 45% of the 1/8<sup>th</sup> of one percent Conservation Sales 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) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS (FY2019 CHANGES FROM FY2018 AUTHORIZED)**

No Change Level Requests

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS**

Total Authorized Positions FY2019: 625

Total Authorized Positions FY2018: 625

Increase / (Decrease): 0

Extra Help Positions FY2019: 185 (Total FY2018 Authorized Extra Help: 185)

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

**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.

**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 the payments of overtime, and includes "Payment of overtime is the preferred method of implementing the provisions of this section."

**Payment of Accrued Leave** - Allows for payment of accrued annual, holiday, and sick leave to the estate of any wildlife officer who dies in the line of duty.

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