

REPORT OF THE
GAME & FISH/STATE POLICE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

May 18, 2016

Co-Chairs:

The Game & Fish/State Police Subcommittee met on Monday, May 16, 2016, at the Arkansas Museum of Natural Resources in Smackover, Arkansas with representatives of the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission (AGFC); and report the discussion of the following items by the noted speakers:

1. Mike Knoedl, Director, AGFC, introduced the AGFC staff and Commissioners Steve Cook and Chairman Emon Mahony. Director Knoedl announced that this would be his last ALC Subcommittee meeting, that he was retiring after thirty-two years; and
2. Cory Gray, Deer Program Coordinator, AGFC, provided an overview of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and an update on Arkansas's surveillance. CWD was first confirmed in Arkansas in February of 2016 and has been detected in Boone, Carroll, Madison, Newton and Pope counties. The number of confirmed cases of chronic wasting disease total 89, 85 in white-tailed deer and four in elk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Bobby J. Pierce

Representative Josh Miller