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SENATE BILL 15

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE GAME
AND FISH COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND
FISH COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR THE
2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the
following maximum number of regular employees.

			Maximum Annual
			Salary Rate
			Fiscal Year
			2023-2024
Item	Class	Maximum	
No.	Code Title	No. of	
		Employees	
(1)	Q249U AGFC DIRECTOR	1	\$152,638
(2)	Q256U AGFC COLONEL	1	\$128,282
(3)	Q250U AGFC CHIEF OF STAFF	1	\$124,275
(4)	Q251U AGFC DEPUTY DIRECTOR	3	\$122,957
(5)	Q255U AGFC CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1	\$120,265
(6)	Q252U AGFC VETERINARIAN	1	\$118,228
(7)	Q266U AGFC IT ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	1	\$116,351



1	(8)	Q261U AGFC MAJOR	3	\$115,564
2	(9)	Q254U AGFC GENERAL COUNSEL	1	\$113,681
3	(10)	Q253U AGFC BIOSTATISTICIAN	1	\$113,681
4	(11)	Q267U AGFC CAPTAIN	14	\$107,693
5	(12)	Q257U AGFC DIVISION CHIEF	11	\$106,902
6	(13)	Q276U AGFC LIEUTENANT	16	\$103,931
7	(14)	Q265U AGFC SOFTWARE ENGINEER LEAD	1	\$103,265
8	(15)	Q258U AGFC GIS LEAD	1	\$103,265
9	(16)	Q284U AGFC SERGEANT	25	\$100,285
10	(17)	Q288U AGFC CORPORAL	125	\$96,749
11	(18)	Q355U AGFC MARKETING MANAGER	1	\$96,303
12	(19)	Q263U AGFC ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	\$96,303
13	(20)	Q260U AGFC DIVISION ASST CHIEF	16	\$96,303
14	(21)	Q299U AGFC WILDLIFE OFFICER 1ST CLASS	1	\$90,005
15	(22)	Q368U AGFC STATEWIDE PROGRAM MANAGER	1	\$89,744
16	(23)	Q271U AGFC SENIOR GIS ANALYST	1	\$89,744
17	(24)	Q270U AGFC CONSERVATION PROGRAM MANAGER	1	\$89,744
18	(25)	Q269U AGFC ATTORNEY	2	\$89,744
19	(26)	Q268U AGFC ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	1	\$89,744
20	(27)	Q283U AGFC SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	2	\$86,609
21	(28)	Q281U AGFC NETWORK SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	\$86,609
22	(29)	Q280U AGFC HATCHERY MANAGER	5	\$86,609
23	(30)	Q279U AGFC GIS ANALYST	3	\$86,609
24	(31)	Q278U AGFC OPERATIONS & FACILITY MANAGER	3	\$86,609
25	(32)	Q277U AGFC NATURE CENTER MANAGER	5	\$86,609
26	(33)	Q275U AGFC BIOLOGIST SUPERVISOR	23	\$86,609
27	(34)	Q274U AGFC BIOLOGIST PROGRAM SPECIALIST	9	\$86,609
28	(35)	Q309U AGFC WILDLIFE OFFICER	1	\$85,718
29	(36)	Q354U AGFC ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	\$80,624
30	(37)	Q292U AGFC PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	\$80,624
31	(38)	Q291U AGFC GRANTS MANAGER	1	\$80,624
32	(39)	Q290U AGFC ASSISTANT HATCHERY MANAGER	5	\$80,624
33	(40)	Q289U AGFC LICENSING MANAGER	1	\$80,624
34	(41)	Q287U AGFC BIOLOGIST SPECIALIST	54	\$80,624
35	(42)	Q286U AGFC BIOLOGIST - ASST REGIONAL MANAGER	10	\$80,624
36	(43)	Q285U AGFC CONSTRUCTION MANAGER	1	\$80,624

1	(44)	Q298U AGFC PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	\$75,004
2	(45)	Q297U AGFC GRANTS COORDINATOR	2	\$75,004
3	(46)	Q296U AGFC EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR	7	\$75,004
4	(47)	Q294U AGFC BIOLOGIST	27	\$75,004
5	(48)	Q353U AGFC EDUCATION FACILITY MANAGER	5	\$71,432
6	(49)	Q308U AGFC WEBSITE DEVELOPER	2	\$71,432
7	(50)	Q307U AGFC SURVEYOR	2	\$71,432
8	(51)	Q306U AGFC REAL ESTATE OFFICER	1	\$71,432
9	(52)	Q305U AGFC FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	2	\$71,432
10	(53)	Q304U AGFC CENTRAL WAREHOUSE OPERATIONS MGR	1	\$71,432
11	(54)	Q303U AGFC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	2	\$71,432
12	(55)	Q302U AGFC EDUCATION PROGRAM SPECIALIST	26	\$71,432
13	(56)	Q301U AGFC ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	2	\$71,432
14	(57)	Q300U AGFC LICENSING SUPERVISOR	2	\$71,432
15	(58)	Q357U AGFC ACCOUNTANT II	3	\$68,031
16	(59)	Q316U AGFC PRODUCTION ARTIST	1	\$68,031
17	(60)	Q315U AGFC MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	2	\$68,031
18	(61)	Q314U AGFC LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	\$68,031
19	(62)	Q313U AGFC HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	\$68,031
20	(63)	Q312U AGFC EDITOR	3	\$68,031
21	(64)	Q311U AGFC COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST	3	\$68,031
22	(65)	Q310U AGFC SENIOR TECHNICIAN	15	\$68,031
23	(66)	Q365U AGFC SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	\$67,289
24	(67)	Q322U AGFC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR	1	\$64,791
25	(68)	Q321U AGFC SKILLED TRADES SUPERVISOR	1	\$64,791
26	(69)	Q320U AGFC CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR	8	\$64,791
27	(70)	Q319U AGFC COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS SUPERVISOR	1	\$64,791
28	(71)	Q318U AGFC REGIONAL OFFICE MANAGER	1	\$64,791
29	(72)	Q356U AGFC GIS TECHNICIAN	1	\$62,140
30	(73)	Q337U AGFC CONSERVATION PROGRAM TECHNICIAN	47	\$61,706
31	(74)	Q327U AGFC AUTO/DIESEL MECHANIC SUPERVISOR	1	\$61,706
32	(75)	Q326U AGFC SKILLED TRADESMAN	3	\$61,706
33	(76)	Q325U AGFC MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	2	\$61,706
34	(77)	Q324U AGFC FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	6	\$61,706
35	(78)	Q323U AGFC ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	3	\$61,706
36	(79)	Q364U AGFC SOFTWARE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	\$60,288

1	(80)	Q333U AGFC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST	10	\$58,767
2	(81)	Q332U AGFC FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER	1	\$58,767
3	(82)	Q331U AGFC FIRING RANGE SPECIALIST	1	\$58,767
4	(83)	Q330U AGFC COMMERCIAL GRAPHIC ARTIST	2	\$58,767
5	(84)	Q329U AGFC CALIBRATION TECHNICIAN	2	\$58,767
6	(85)	Q328U AGFC ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE COORDINATOR	17	\$58,767
7	(86)	Q336U AGFC MULTI-MEDIA SPECIALIST	1	\$55,969
8	(87)	Q335U AGFC MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	6	\$55,969
9	(88)	Q334U AGFC INVENTORY CONTROL MANAGER	2	\$55,969
10	(89)	Q340U AGFC FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	6	\$53,304
11	(90)	Q339U AGFC ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	29	\$53,304
12	(91)	Q342U AGFC PRINTER	1	\$50,131
13	(92)	Q341U AGFC FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	1	\$50,131
14	(93)	Q343U AGFC LICENSING SPECIALIST	8	\$47,140
15	(94)	Q344U AGFC ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	1	\$44,319
16	(95)	Q345U AGFC MAIL SERVICES SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	\$39,155
17		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	636	

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19 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas
20 State Game and Fish Commission for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following
21 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra
22 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one hundred
23 eighty-five (185) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of
24 pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and
25 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
26 classification.

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28 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
29 to the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, to be payable from the Game
30 Protection Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas
31 State Game and Fish Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the
32 following:

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34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
36	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$39,693,974

1	(02)	EXTRA HELP	1,500,000
2	(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	13,050,357
3	(04)	OVERTIME	250,000
4	(05)	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	1,000,000
5	(06)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
6		(A) OPER. EXPENSE	45,701,984
7		(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	450,535
8		(C) PROF. FEES	3,250,003
9		(D) CAP. OUTLAY	20,000,000
10		(E) DATA PROC.	0
11	(07)	GAME AND FISH GRANTS	11,750,000
12	(08)	CONSTRUCTION	<u>12,000,000</u>
13		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$148,646,853</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - GAS LEASE REVENUES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, to be payable from the Game Protection Fund, for maintenance and general operations, capital projects, acquisition of land and conservation easements, grants, and expenses associated with Natural Disaster Response of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$850,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	350,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	750,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) GAS LEASE GRANTS	50,000
(03) NATURAL DISASTER RESPONSE	<u>3,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CONSERVATION PARTNERS PROGRAM GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, to be payable from the Game Protection Fund, for grants to conservation partners,

or other eligible entities for operating, equipment, and maintenance expenses associated with addressing statewide hunger needs of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) CONSERVATION PARTNERS PROGRAM GRANTS	<u>\$150,000</u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - BLACK RIVER SETTLEMENT FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, to be payable from the Game Protection Fund, for all expenses associated with the mitigation to the hardwood timber destruction in the Wildlife Management Area, inclusive of Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) RESTORATION OF BLACK RIVER WMA EXPENSES	<u>\$13,250,000</u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - MARINE FUEL TAX PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, to be payable from the Game Protection Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and expenditures associated with increasing and improving access to waterways of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) MARINE FUEL TAX PROGRAM	<u>\$6,000,000</u>

SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

PAYMENT OF REWARDS. Payment of rewards shall be from the Game Protection Fund from the Commission's Maintenance and General Operation appropriation as

1 herein appropriated in the Operating Expenses line item of the Operations
2 appropriation.

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~
4 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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6 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

8 TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer
9 of the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint
10 Budget Committee, the Agency is authorized to transfer appropriation from any
11 line item authorized in the Operations appropriation to any other line item
12 authorized in the Operations appropriation and the Agency is authorized to
13 transfer appropriation from any line item authorized in the Gas Lease
14 Revenues appropriation to any other line item authorized in the same section.

15 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~
16 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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18 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
19 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

20 PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission is hereby
21 authorized to purchase from the Maintenance & General Operation
22 Classifications in the Operations Appropriation provided by this Act for
23 promotional items in an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars
24 (\$50,000), as authorized by the Director of the Commission to meet fish and
25 wildlife conservations and education needs.

26 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~
27 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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29 SECTION 11. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
30 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
31 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
32 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
33 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
34 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
35 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
36 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be

1 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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3 SECTION 12. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
4 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
5 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
6 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
7 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
8 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
9 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
10 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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12 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
13 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
14 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
15 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of
16 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
17 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
18 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 could work irreparable harm
19 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
20 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
21 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
22 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2023.