

**ARKANSAS STATE GAME & FISH COMMISSION (0080)  
FISCAL YEAR 2014 & 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 APPROPRIATION**

The total appropriation requested is \$99,588,477 the first year and \$103,889,984 the second fiscal year.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

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

**II) APPROPRIATIONS/CHANGES:**

**Operations Appropriation** – an increase in appropriation of \$11,331,266; including a reallocation of \$5.5M from operating to the grants and aids line item, capital outlay request of \$10.5M, and regular salary and PSM totaling \$828,658 to provide for 15 additional positions.

**Gas Lease Revenues Appropriation** – **FY14** decrease in total appropriation of \$1.6M including a reallocation of \$7.4M from operating expenses to grants and aid line item (\$2.5M) and (\$3.25M) capital outlay. **FY15** increase in appropriation totaling \$2,622,685, including a decrease in operating expenses of \$7.9M, \$1M capital outlay, and \$10.5M to pay off bonds.

**Conservation Partners Program Grants** – new appropriation totaling \$100,000 for grants associated with addressing statewide hunger needs.

**III) POSITIONS: 15 additional positions** – (1) Database administrator C124, (1) Human Resources Manager C123, (12) Corporal C121, (1) Multi-Media Specialist

Total Positions FY 2015: 617

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Total Budgeted Positions for FY 2013: 602

Extra Help Positions: 185

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE:**

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

**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.