

ARKANSAS CATFISH PROMOTION BOARD

Enabling Laws

Act 72 of 2016
A.C.A. §2-9-103 et seq.

History and Organization

The Arkansas Catfish Promotion Board was created by Act 790 of 1999 with the responsibility to promote the growth and development of the catfish industry in Arkansas through research, promotion, and market development. The Board consists of seven producers appointed by the Governor. Three members are nominated by and represent the Arkansas Farm Bureau, and four members are nominated by and represent the Catfish Farmers of Arkansas. The Board is administered by the Executive Vice-President of Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation or his designee.



Agency Commentary

Appropriation is funded by special revenues collected from a one dollar per ton fee on all catfish feed purchased by commercial Arkansas catfish producers.

The Arkansas Catfish Promotion Board is requesting Base Level appropriation.

An allocation of these special revenue funds will be used to fund catfish related research and promotion projects through the University of Arkansas, private research companies, and promotion organizations as the Board sees fit. Projects will be individually approved and monitored by the Board. The Board welcomes project proposals at their last quarterly meeting each year.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
AUDIT OF :
ARKANSAS CATFISH PROMOTION BOARD
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

Findings

Recommendations

None

None

State Contracts Over \$50,000 Awarded To Minority Owned Businesses Fiscal Year 2016

None

Publications

A.C.A. 25-1-201 et seq.

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Agency Position Usage Report

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Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 745 - Catfish Promotion

Funding Sources: SCB - Arkansas Catfish Promotion Board

The Arkansas Catfish Promotion Board supports the growth and development of the catfish industry in Arkansas through research, promotion, and market development.

Special Revenues fund the operations of the Board. A one-dollar per ton assessment on all catfish feed purchased by commercial Arkansas catfish producers is used to fund research and promotion efforts. The line item for Research Development, representing more than half of the entire budget, is used to fund catfish related research projects through the University of Arkansas and private research companies.

Base Level includes appropriation of \$120,000 each year of the biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request. Expenditure of appropriation is contingent upon available budget.

Appropriation Summary

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Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation		
		2015-2016 Actual	2016-2017 Budget	2016-2017 Authorized	2017-2018			2018-2019		
					Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Operating Expenses	5020002	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Fees	5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Promotional Items	5090028	1,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Research Development	5900031	9,595	89,000	89,000	89,000	89,000	89,000	89,000	89,000	89,000
Consumer Information	5900046	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Total		10,595	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
Funding Sources										
Fund Balance	4000005	75,368	93,993		13,993	13,993	13,993	0	0	0
Special Revenue	4000030	29,220	40,000		106,007	106,007	106,007	120,000	120,000	120,000
Total Funding		104,588	133,993		120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(93,993)	(13,993)		0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total		10,595	120,000		120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000