

ARKANSAS CATFISH PROMOTION BOARD

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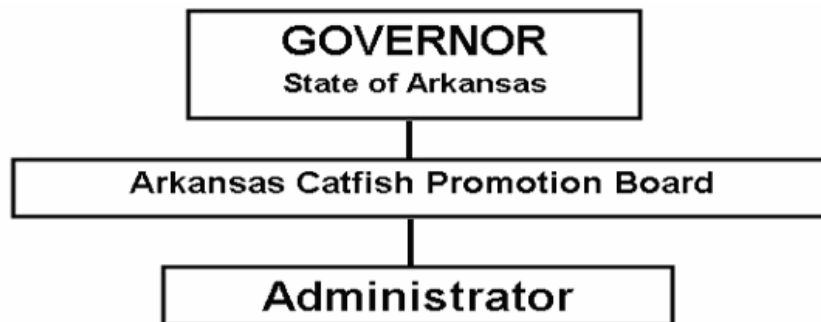
Act 5 of 2005
A.C.A. §2-9-103

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 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.

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 budget request is for continuation of the Base Level only. 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. The Board approves and monitors all projects.



Agency Commentary

The budget request of the Arkansas Catfish Promotion Board for the 2007-2009 Biennium is Base Level and will be funded entirely by special revenues collected from a one dollar per ton check off on all catfish feed purchased by commercial Arkansas catfish producers.

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, 2004

Findings

Recommendations

None

None

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Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 745 - Catfish Promotion

Funding Sources: SCB - Arkansas Catfish Promotion Fund

The Arkansas Catfish Promotion Board supports the growth and development of the catfish industry in Arkansas through research, promotion, and market development. The Board is funded entirely by special revenue. A one-dollar per ton assessment on all catfish feed purchased by commercial Arkansas catfish producers is used to fund research and promotion efforts and operating expenses of the Board.

The Agency is requesting Base Level appropriation of \$255,000 each year of the 2007-2009 biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation

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Commitment Item	Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation					
	2005-2006 Actual	2006-2007 Budget	2006-2007 Authorized	2007-2008			2008-2009		
				Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Operating Expenses 5020002	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
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	0	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Capital Outlay 5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Research Development 5900031	114,372	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Consumer Information 5900046	14,339	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Total	128,711	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000
Funding Sources									
Fund Balance 4000005	227,167	212,454		72,454	72,454	72,454	17,454	17,454	17,454
Special Revenue 4000030	113,998	115,000		200,000	200,000	200,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Total Funding	341,165	327,454		272,454	272,454	272,454	267,454	267,454	267,454
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(212,454)	(72,454)		(17,454)	(17,454)	(17,454)	(12,454)	(12,454)	(12,454)
Grand Total	128,711	255,000		255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000