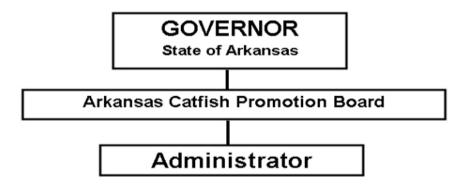
ARKANSAS CATFISH PROMOTION BOARD

Enabling Laws

Act 36 of 2007 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

The budget request of the Arkansas Catfish Promotion Board for the 2009-2011 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, 2007

Findings	Recommendations					
None	None					

Publications

A.C.A. 25-1-204

Name	Statutory	Requ	ired for	# of	Reason(s) for Continued		
	Authorization	Governor	General Assembly	Copies	Publication and Distribution		
None	N/A	N	N	0	N/A		

Agency Position Usage Report

FY2006 - 2007 FY2007 - 2008						08	FY2008 - 2009										
Authorized		Budgeted	t	Unbudgeted	% of	Authorized Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of	Authorized	Budgeted		Unbudgeted	% of		
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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.

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.

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 Summary

Appropriation: 745 - Catfish Promotion

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Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

	2007-2008 2008-2009 2008-2009 2009-2010						2010-2011				
Commitment Item		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive	
Operating Expenses	5020002	2,924	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	17,874	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	105,145	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	
Consumer Information	5900046	49,750	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	
Total		175,693	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	
Funding Sources	;										
Fund Balance	4000005	156,200	104,582		0	0	0	0	0	0	
Special Revenue	4000030	124,075	150,418		255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	
Total Funding		280,275	255,000		255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(104,582)	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	
Grand Total		175,693	255,000		255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	