

ARKANSAS CATFISH PROMOTION BOARD

Enabling Laws

Act 134 of 2010
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 2011-2013 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

Findings

A separate report for this Agency was not issued. However, financial activity for the Agency was included in the audit of the State's CAFR for the year ended June 30, 2009.

Recommendations

Publications

A.C.A. 25-1-204

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None	N/A	N	N	0	N/A

Agency Position Usage Report

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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 2011-2013 biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation Summary

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Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		2009-2010	2010-2011	2010-2011	2011-2012			2012-2013		
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Operating Expenses	5020002	3,299	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	13,523	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	56,076	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Consumer Information	5900046	29,934	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Total		102,832	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000
Funding Sources										
Fund Balance	4000005	110,425	74,066		0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Revenue	4000030	66,473	180,934		255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000
Total Funding		176,898	255,000		255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(74,066)	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total		102,832	255,000		255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000