

ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

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A.R.S. § 17-201

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	FY 1999 Actual	FY 2000 Estimate	FY 2001 Approved
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Other Appropriated FundsProgram Summary

Administrative and Field Services	17,041,600	17,658,400	18,668,900
Watercraft Licensing	1,202,300	1,743,400	1,737,200
Game, Non-Game, Fish and Endangered Species Wildlife	141,600	289,800	277,400
Total Appropriations	18,385,500	19,691,600	20,683,500

Expenditure Detail

FTE Positions	271.5	271.5	271.5
Personal Services	8,313,500	8,662,800	8,838,000
Employee Related Expenditures	2,598,100	2,442,500	2,536,800
Professional and Outside Services	323,200	295,000	281,000
Travel - In State	257,400	280,300	280,300
Travel - Out of State	62,300	30,700	30,700
Other Operating Expenditures	2,803,000	3,957,300	3,956,000
Equipment	1,293,300	946,000	961,200
Operating Subtotal	15,650,800	16,614,600	16,884,000

Pittman-Robertson/Dingell-Johnson Matching	2,208,000	2,208,000	2,208,000 ^{1/}
Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research	40,000	40,000	40,000 ^{1/}
Regional Field Offices Lease-Purchase	82,000	0	0
Waterfowl Conservation	18,000	43,500	43,500
Wildlife Endowment	0	16,000	16,000
PSPRS Unfunded Liability	150,000	100,000	100,000
Performance Based Incentives Program	236,700	300,000	300,000 ^{2/3/}
Watercraft Reimbursement to Game and Fish Fund	0	359,500	359,500
Non-Game Wildlife Reimbursement to Game and Fish Fund	0	10,000	0
Total	18,385,500	19,691,600	19,951,000

Additional Appropriations -

Appropriation; Game and Fish; Salaries; Ch. 253	0	0	732,500
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Fund Summary

Game and Fish Fund	16,941,600	17,598,900	18,609,400
Watercraft Licensing Fund	1,202,300	1,743,400	1,737,200
Game, Non-Game, Fish and Endangered Species Fund	141,600	289,800	277,400
Capital Improvement Fund	82,000	0	0
Waterfowl Conservation Fund	18,000	43,500	43,500
Wildlife Endowment Fund	0	16,000	16,000
Total Appropriations	18,385,500	19,691,600	20,683,500

ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT (Cont'd)

Agency Description — *The Arizona Game and Fish Department (G & F) manages Arizona wildlife populations through the operation of hunting and fishing license programs, enforcement actions for the unlawful taking of game, and wildlife habitat protection and development. A 5-member commission appointed by the Governor oversees department operations and provides policy direction for the director. The department has 3 major programs: 1) the **Administrative and Field Services** program encompasses the major G & F Department functions, such as wildlife management, wildlife law enforcement, habitat development and protection, general agency administration, and also supports 6 regional Game and Fish offices; 2) the **Watercraft Licensing** program is responsible for the administration of boat registration, the enforcement of boating safety laws, and implementation of an information and education program relating to boating and boating safety, and receives funding from watercraft registration fees, license taxes and penalty assessments; and 3) the **Game, Non-Game Fish and Endangered Species Wildlife** program conducts research on non-game wildlife, endangered species, and related habitat for use in the department's management plan for these wildlife, and receives funding from taxpayers who elect the "check-off" option for non-game wildlife on their Arizona state income tax form. Other department functions include operating fish hatcheries, conducting the annual lottery draw for hunting tags, conducting wildlife research, producing a variety of wildlife publications, and implementing the Off-Highway Vehicle program.*

Additional Appropriations: Appropriation: Game and Fish; Salaries (Chapter 253) — The approved additional appropriation adds \$732,500 in FY 2001 for special market salary adjustments to all covered employees with Wildlife Series job classifications on July 1, 2000. The fund distributions for the appropriation are as follows:

- Game and Fish Fund, \$697,900.
- Watercraft Licensing Fund, \$25,500.
- Game, Nongame, Fish and Endangered Species Fund, \$9,100.

Additional Legislation: Game and Fish; Publications Fund; Notice (Chapter 138) — Amends A.R.S. § 17-269 to increase, from \$20,000 to \$80,000, the maximum amount allowed in the Game and Fish Publications Revolving Fund. The fund was established by Laws 1984, Chapter 363 to account for the expenses and revenues attributable to the development, printing and distribution of Game and Fish Department publications within fiscal year cycles. Fund balances in excess of \$80,000 must revert to the Game and Fish Fund.

Shooting Range and Firearm Safety (Chapter 167) — Amends A.R.S. § 17-273 to:

- Rename the Shooting Range Relocation and Assistance Fund to the Firearms Safety and Ranges Fund to be administered by the Commission.
- Establish a 5-member Shooting Range Project Advisory Board to develop policies and procedures for grants, solicit, review and recommend grants, and inspect and audit projects.
- Direct the commission to use monies in the fund, based on the recommendations of the Advisory Board, to award grants for studies, noise abatement, safety enhancement, range construction or relocation.

Laws 1999, Chapter 322 created the initial fund and directed that an annual legislative appropriation of \$50,000 be made to the fund from retail sales tax collections. However, no monies have been appropriated to date.

Additionally, the bill establishes a 13-member Joint Legislative Study Committee on Firearms Safety and Sport Shooting Ranges. The Committee is charged to study and make findings on the promotion of the safe operation of shooting ranges.

[Click here for more information from the initial biennial appropriations report \(June 1999\)](#)

^{1/} Any part of the appropriation of the \$40,000 for Cooperative Wildlife and Fish Research and \$2,208,000 for Pittman-Robertson/Dingell-Johnson Act may be used for the purpose of matching federal and apportionment funds. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

^{2/} This appropriation is a continuing appropriation and is exempt from the provisions of A.R.S. § 35-190, relating to lapsing of appropriations. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

^{3/} It is the intent of the Legislature that the Arizona Game and Fish Department is eligible for any statewide general pay adjustments in addition to the amounts provided in this act. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

^{4/} General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.