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Arkansas Natural Resources Commission
Title 2

Subtitle XX. Conservation district beaver control program

Section 220.1 Purpose.

The Conservation District Beaver Control Program enables the Commission to help control Arkansas's beaver population by reimbursing conservation districts ~~five~~ten dollars per beaver for payments districts make to beaver harvesters under these rules. Reimbursements shall be made for beaver only, though district plans may offer incentives for the control of other nuisance animals. The Commission shall not be liable for reimbursements requested after the money available for the program is expended.

Section 220.2 District participation.

To receive money under the Conservation District Beaver Control Program, conservation districts must submit a written beaver control plan to the Executive Director by January 1 of the applicable calendar year. The district plan must be approved by the Executive Director before reimbursable harvesting may begin. The Executive Director may allocate a portion of the appropriation available in the applicable fiscal year to each district which submits an approved plan. The district plan must comply with the following provisions:

- A. The district board shall designate a beaver control officer.
- B. To receive payments, beaver harvesters shall present beaver tails to the beaver control officer, who shall cut a "V" notch in the rounded end.
- C. The beaver control officer shall certify to the district board, at intervals to be set in the district plan, the number of beavers presented by each certified harvester.
- D. The district may then apply to the Commission for reimbursements by submitting the Reimbursement Form to the Executive Director at reasonable intervals.
- E. The plan shall specify the anticipated number of beavers for which reimbursement will be requested during the fiscal year.

Section 220.3 Funding.

- A. After expiration of the time for submission of beaver control plans, the Executive Director shall review the state funds available for the program in the current fiscal year and determine the funds available for the beaver control program.
- B. The Executive Director shall allocate the available funds to each district desiring to participate in the program. This allocation shall be based upon the district's demonstrated need for beaver control and the probable success of the district's beaver control program. In making the allocation, the Executive Director may consider the following: the beaver control plan, the estimated number of beavers within the district, the type and severity of damage, the number of beavers harvested in the past under this or similar programs, and other factors to ensure equity in allocation.
- C. After allocation, the Executive Director shall provide each participating district the amount of its allocation.
- D. Each district may request reimbursement as provided in this subtitle up to the amount of its allocation.

E. The Executive Director shall review the allocation of funds on or about April 1st of each year or as otherwise necessary to assure that the funds are used as effectively as possible. No reduction in any participating district's allocation shall occur without prior notification to the district.