

## National Coastal Wetlands

### 1. Enabling Legislation:

- Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act of 1991

### 2. Purpose:

- Provide funding for long-term conservation of coastal wetland ecosystems by helping States to protect, restore and enhance coastal habitats

### 3. Eligible Grantees:

- Any agency or agencies of a coastal State designated by the Governor as having responsibility for coastal wetlands
- Usually a State natural resource agency or fish and wildlife agency
- Exception: State of Louisiana which receives funding from Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act for LA Coastal Wetlands Program

### 4. Eligible Projects:

- Acquisition of real property interest in coastal lands or waters providing that terms and conditions ensure property will be administered for long-term conservation
- Restoration, enhancement, or management of coastal wetlands ecosystems, providing restoration, enhancement, or management will be administered for long-term conservation

### 5. Source of funds:

15% annually of the 18.5% distributed to Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act from the Sport Fish Restoration & Boating Trust Fund (authorized through 2009) - revenues from the following:

- Excise taxes on sport fishing equipment, electric motors and sonar
- Import duties on fishing tackle, yachts and pleasure craft
- Portion of gasoline tax attributable to motorboats and small engines
- Interest earned on Trust Fund

### 6. Distribution method:

- Awarded through National competition to coastal States

### 7. Spending mandates, fund matching requirements, and/or limitations on availability of funds:

- Provides up to 50% federal funding, remaining 50% of costs must be from non-federal source (funds increased to 75% federal share for coastal States that have and are using a fund for acquiring coastal wetlands or other natural areas or open spaces)
- 100% Federal funding for American Samoa, Guam, N. Mariana Islands and Virgin Islands

### 8. Special conditions or requirements:

- Designated agencies of coastal States submit eligible proposals
- Provide non-federal matching funds

### 9. Governing Guidance:

- Coastal Wetlands Planning Protection and Restoration Act
- 50 CFR 84
- 43 CFR 12
- USFWS Manual Chapters