

# NATIONAL COASTAL WETLANDS

NCW FACT SHEET  
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Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program

## DISTRIBUTION METHOD

Nationally competitive  
to only coastal States

## Governing Guidance

- Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act of 1991 (Enabling Legislation)
- 50 CFR 84
- 2 CFR 200
- USFWS Manual Chapters



**ELIGIBLE GRANTEES:** ANY AGENCY OR AGENCIES OF A COASTAL STATE DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNOR AS HAVING RESPONSIBILITY FOR COASTAL WETLANDS

## Purpose

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

## ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Acquisition of real property interest in coastal land 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

## 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

Includes revenues from:

- Interest earned on Trust Fund

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

## MATCHING REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS

- 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, Northern Mariana Islands and Virgin Islands

## SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS

- \* Designated agencies of coastal States submit eligible proposals
- \* Grantees must provide non-federal matching funds