

Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration (SFR) ([CFDA No. 15.605](#))

Eligible Recipients: Fish and wildlife agencies of U. S. States, Insular Territories, and the District of Columbia

Purpose:

- **Restoration, conservation, management and enhancement of fish** species that are sought by recreational anglers, and provision for public use of and benefits from these resources; and
- **Aquatic resource education** to enhance the public's understanding of aquatic resources and recreational fishing and to promote the development of responsible attitudes and ethics toward the aquatic environment.

Funding: Funding is based on annual apportionments, which states must match with 25 to 90% non-federal funds. Each year, Alaska is eligible for the maximum state apportionment of 5% of the Sport Fish Restoration Account, a subset of the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund.



Sport Fish Restoration Account revenues:

1. Fishing equipment manufacturer's excise tax (10%)
2. Motorboat fuels federal sales tax (13 cents/gallon)
3. Import duties on fishing tackle, pleasure boats and yachts
4. Aquatic Resources Trust Fund interest

Eligible Activities:

- ✓ Aquatic education projects (up to 15% of apportionment, including Outreach and Communications):
 - ✓ Boating access (mandatory 15% of apportionment)
 - ✓ Coordination
 - ✓ Facilities Development
 - ✓ Habitat Management
 - ✓ Land Acquisition
 - ✓ Operation and Maintenance
 - ✓ Outreach & Communications (up to 15% of apportionment, including aquatic education projects)
 - ✓ Planning
 - ✓ Population Management (fish stocking)
 - ✓ Research
 - ✓ Surveys and Inventories
 - ✓ Technical Guidance

Ineligible Activities:

- ✗ Activities related to shellfish
- ✗ Public relations promoting state fish and wildlife agencies
- ✗ Activities solely to produce revenue
- ✗ Providing services or property for commercial purposes
- ✗ Enforcement of laws and regulations
- ✗ Establishment, publication and dissemination of regulations
- ✗ Furnishing public facilities, equipment, or services in excess of the minimum required to meet project purposes or health and safety standards

Current Projects and Accomplishments

Grant Application/Selection Process:

The State submits project proposals to the Federal Assistance Regional Office (Anchorage). These are reviewed for eligibility, substantiality in character and design (addressing a legitimate need in a reasonable way at a reasonable cost), and compliance with Federal regulations. If the proposal and grant agreement are approved, the federal share of the project funding is obligated from the State's apportionment. The State may then begin the project(s) and be reimbursed for the federal share as costs are incurred. Projects are monitored to ensure that they are completed as proposed and funds are spent on activities approved in the grant documents.