

# Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program Glossary



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## **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of the *Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program Glossary* is to have a central location for definitions of terms used in those Fish and Wildlife Service Manual chapters written specifically for the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program.

We will update the Glossary regularly to:

- A.** Include definitions in new or revised Service Manual chapters;
- B.** Reflect changes in law, regulation, or policy; or
- C.** Improve clarity.

## TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

*Allocated funds* means those funds that a grantee designates or sets aside for obligation for a specific purpose.

*Debarment* means an action taken by a debarring official under 2 CFR 180, subpart H, to exclude an individual, corporation, partnership, association, unit of government, or other legal entity from participating in covered transactions as explained in 2 CFR 180, 2 CFR 1400, and 48 CFR, chapter 1. A person excluded in this manner is *debarred*. Examples of covered transactions are:

- (1) Grants,
- (2) Cooperative agreements,
- (3) Contracts a grantee awards that equal or exceed \$25,000,
- (4) Contracts that require a Federal official's consent regardless of the amount and the entity awarding the contract, and
- (5) Contracts for federally-required audit services.

*Director* means the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or his or her designated representative, who the Secretary of the Interior delegates authority to administer the Acts.

*Grant* means an award of money, the principal purpose of which is to transfer funds or property from a Federal agency to another entity to support or stimulate an authorized public purpose. We use the term *grant* for both a grant and a cooperative agreement unless the context indicates otherwise. This use does not affect the legal distinction between the two instruments. The meaning of *grant* in the terms *grant funds*, *grant-funded*, and *under the grant* includes the matching cash and any matching in-kind contributions in addition to the Federal award of money.

*Grantee* means the entity that applies for the grant and carries out grant-funded activities.

*Mandatory financial assistance program* means a financial assistance program in which a Federal agency must make an award based on prerequisites set by statute or regulations. An example of such a prerequisite would be an acceptable State Plan or application that meets the eligibility and compliance requirements of the statutory and regulatory provisions of the grant program. Eligible entities generally do not compete for mandatory grants.

*Personal property* means any type of property that is not real property. It includes:

- (1) Objects movable without damage to themselves or the underlying real estate;
- (2) Growing annual crops;

- (3) Trees and other vegetation after harvest for commercial or personal use;
- (4) Minerals and other substances after removal from the earth for commercial or personal use;  
and
- (5) Patents, copyrights, and other intellectual property.

*Real property* means one, several, or all interests, benefits, and rights inherent in the ownership of a parcel of land or water including anything above, below, or attached to it.

*Recreational boating* means any use of watercraft that offers a leisure experience or access to a recreational experience for the operator or passenger of the watercraft.

*Regional Director* means the person the Director appoints to manage the Service's operations in one of its geographic Regions, or his or her designated representative. This person's responsibility does not extend to any administrative units that the Service's Washington Office supervises directly in that geographic Region.

*State* means any of the United States, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, the District of Columbia, and the territories of Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa. References to "the 50 States" apply only to the 50 States of the United States.

*State fish and wildlife agency* means the administrative unit a State law or regulation designates to carry out State laws for management of fish and wildlife resources. If an agency has other jurisdictional responsibilities, we consider it the State fish and wildlife agency only when exercising responsibilities specific to management of the State's fish and wildlife resources.

*Suspension* means an action taken by a suspending official under 2 CFR 180, subpart G. It immediately prohibits an individual, corporation, partnership, association, unit of government, or other legal entity from participating in covered transactions as explained in 2 CFR 180, 2 CFR 1400, and 48 CFR, chapter 1. The suspension is for a temporary period, pending completion of an agency investigation and any judicial or administrative proceedings that follow. A person excluded in this manner is *suspended*. Suspension under subpart G of 2 CFR 180 is a different process than suspension as a remedy for noncompliance under 43 CFR 12.83 and 12.962. Examples of covered transactions are:

- (1) Grants,
- (2) Cooperative agreements,
- (3) Contracts a grantee awards that equal or exceed \$25,000,

(4) Contracts that requires a Federal official's consent regardless of the amount and the entity awarding the contract, and

(5) Contracts for federally-required audit services.