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

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