

# Diversion of Hunting and Fishing License Revenue - Wildlife Restoration and Sport Fish Restoration

**This information applies to:**  
*Wildlife Restoration and Sport Fish Restoration*

## Definition

The Act of diverting hunting and fishing license revenue from the control of the State fish and wildlife agency or expending the revenue for purposes other than the agency's administration.<sup>1</sup>

## 50 CFR 80 Subpart B—State Fish and Wildlife Agency Eligibility

### § 80.10 Who is eligible to receive the benefits of the Acts?

States acting through their fish and wildlife agencies are eligible for benefits of the Acts only if they pass and maintain legislation that:

- (a) Assents to the provisions of the Acts;
- (b) Ensures the conservation of fish and wildlife; and
- (c) Requires that revenue from hunting and fishing licenses be:
  - (1) Controlled only by the State fish and wildlife agency; and
  - (2) Used only for administration of the State fish and wildlife agency, which includes only the functions required to manage the agency and the fish- and wildlife-related resources for which the agency has authority under State law.

### § 80.11 How does a State become ineligible to receive the benefits of the Acts?

A State becomes ineligible to receive the benefits of the Acts if it:

- (a) Fails materially to comply with any law, regulation, or term of a grant as it relates to acceptance and use of funds under the Acts;
- (b) Does not have legislation required at §80.10 or passes legislation contrary to the Acts; or
- (c) Diverts hunting and fishing license revenue from:
  - (1) The control of the State fish and wildlife agency; or
  - (2) Purposes other than the agency's administration.

## Frequently Asked Questions

## Related Pages

[Wildlife Restoration Program](#)

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## Resources

## References

1- 50 CFR 80.11 Administrative Requirements, Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration and Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration