

Overview: Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration - Alaska

Purpose	The Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Program (PR) provides grant funds to the states fish and wildlife agencies for projects to restore, conserve, manage and enhance wild birds and mammals and their habitat.
Authority for the Program	Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937, as amended, (16 U.S.C. 669-669j) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior "... to cooperate with the States, through their respective State fish and game departments, in wildlife-restoration projects as hereinafter set forth ..." Section 1 concludes with "... all projects shall conform to the standards fixed by the Secretary of the Interior."
Alaska Assent Legislation	<p>Alaska Statute 16.05.140 – Assent to Provisions of Federal Aid Acts</p> <p>The state assents to the Federal Aid to Wildlife Restoration Act of September 2, 1937 (16 U.S.C. 669-669j), ... to any amendment, revision, or modification of either Act, and to any other federal aid Act that may be enacted to benefit the state. It is desired that the department participate in the federal aid programs on the same basis as other states.</p>
License Revenue	<p>Alaska Statute 16.05.130 – Diversion of Funds Prohibited</p> <p>Money accruing to the state from sport fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses, tags, or permit fees may not be diverted to a purpose other than the protection, propagation, investigation, and restoration of sport and game resources and the expenses of administering the sport fish and game divisions of the department.</p>
Federal Program Regulations	50 CFR 80 - Administrative Requirements, Pittman-Roberson Wildlife Restoration and Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Acts
Administrator	Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Managing Federal Agency	Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Source of Program Funds	Manufacturing excise tax on long guns and ammunition (11%), handguns (10%), and archery equipment (11%). Collected by US Treasury and held in the Wildlife Restoration Account. These funds are apportioned to states, the District of Columbia and insular areas based on formulas.
Match Requirement	The program provides 75% of allowable costs. 25% from non-federal sources.
Subprograms	Wildlife Restoration, Basic Hunter Education and Safety, Hunter Education Enhancement

Subprogram: Wildlife Restoration (Section 4)

Purpose	Restoration, conservation, management, and enhancement of wild birds and wild mammals, and providing for public use and benefit from these resources.
Apportionment Formula & Distribution	<p>100% of the collected excise taxes on long guns and ammunition. 50% from handguns and archery equipment.</p> <p>Based on land area and the number of paid license holders. The maximum any state can receive is 5%, the minimum is 1%. Alaska receives 5% based solely on land area.</p>

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- Eligible Activities:**
- Restore and manage wildlife for the benefit of the public.
 - Conduct research on the problems of managing wildlife and its habitat if necessary to administer wildlife resources efficiently.
 - Obtain data to guide and direct the regulation of hunting.
 - Restore, rehabilitate, improve or manage areas of land or water as wildlife habitat.
 - Build structures or acquire equipment, goods, and services to restore, rehabilitate, or improve lands or waters as wildlife habitat; or provide public access for hunting and other wildlife-oriented recreation

- Ineligible Activities:**
- Public relations activities to promote the State fish and wildlife agency, or other State administrative units, or the State.
 - Activities conducted for the primary purpose of producing income.
 - Enforcement of game and fish laws and regulations. This includes routine patrol, investigations, and law enforcement training.
 - Providing services or property of material value to individuals or groups for commercial purposes or to benefit such individuals or groups.
 - Establishment, publication, and dissemination of regulations issued by a State pertaining to the protection and utilization of fish and wildlife resources. Includes laws, orders, seasonal regulations, bag limits, creel limits, license fees, etc.
 - Stocking of game animals for the purpose of providing hunting of the animals stocked without objectives for restoration or establishment of self-sustaining populations
 - Wildlife damage management activities.

Alaska
Apportionments
Figures in
millions

FederalFY14	\$30.1	FFY10	\$20.1	FFY06	\$10.0
FFY13	\$21.9	FFY09	\$14.2	FFY05	\$9.9
FFY12	\$15.4	FFY08	\$13.0	FFY04	\$8.6
FFY11	\$16.0	FFY07	\$11.3		

Funding
Availability

Each state has two years to obligate each year's apportionment into a grant. Funds then available until grant closes.

Alaska's Grants

- **Operational**
 - State Fiscal Year grant to operate division services
 - Species population surveys, monitoring, and research
 - Harvest monitoring and hunt management
 - Public and Hunter Information Services
 - Office and facility costs, 22 locations statewide
 - Staffing of approximately 190 biological, technician, and support staff
- **Project Specific**
 - Economic Contribution of Wildlife in Alaska
 - State Game Refuges
 - Caribou Photocensus Cameras and Technology
 - Wood Bison Reintroduction – Care & Feed
 - Habitat Enhancement
 - Wood Bison Reintroduction – Transport

Figures in
thousands

7/11 - 6/15	\$500.0
8/11 - 6/15	\$720.0
1/14 - 6/19	\$1,000.0
7/14 - 6/16	\$267.5
10/14 - 6/19	\$1,000.0
2/15 - 2/16	\$460.0

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Subprogram: Basic Hunter Education and Safety (Section 4C)

- Purpose** Educating responsible hunters and archers in skills, knowledge, and attitudes.
- Apportionment Formula & Distribution** 50% from handguns and archery equipment.
Based on population. The maximum any state can receive is 3%, the minimum is 1%. Alaska receives 1%.
- Eligible Activities:**
- Teach the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to be a responsible hunter.
 - Construct, operate, or maintain firearm and archery ranges for public use.
- Ineligible Activities:**
- Same as Wildlife Restoration

Alaska Apportionments	Federal FY14	\$1,304.1	FFY10	\$786.7	FFY06	\$338.1
	FFY13	\$984.5	FFY09	\$567.4	FFY05	\$382.8
	FFY12	\$711.1	FFY08	\$536.8	FFY04	\$303.8
	FFY11	\$712.3	FFY07	\$431.8		
	Figures in thousands					

- Funding Availability** Each state has two years to obligate each year's apportionment into a grant. Funds then available until grant closes.
- Alaska's Grants**
- **Operational**
 - State Fiscal Year grant to operate Hunter Information and Training program
 - Statewide coordination of Hunter Education courses and curriculum
 - Recruitment, training, and certification of students
 - Recruitment and training of volunteer instructors.
 - Mobile Hunter Education and Shooting Sports
 - State Fiscal Year grant to operate three division shooting ranges (planned for FY16)
 - **Project Specific**
 - Shooting Range and Hunter Education Storage Facilities 1/2014 – 6/2016 \$800.0
 - Deferred Maintenance for Shooting Range facilities 7/2016 – 6/2019

Subprogram: Hunter Education Enhancement (Section 10)

- Purpose** Restoration, conservation, management, and enhancement of wild birds and wild mammals, and providing for public use and benefit from these resources.
- Apportionment Formula & Distribution** \$8.0M set aside from excise tax proceeds eligible for Section 4C.
Based on population. The maximum any state can receive is 3%, the minimum is 1%. Alaska receives 1%.
- Eligible Activities:**
- Enhance hunter education program
 - Enhance interstate coordination of hunter education program
 - Enhance bow hunter and archery education and safety
 - Enhance or develop shooting ranges or archery ranges

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Ineligible Activities:

- Same as Wildlife Restoration

Alaska Apportionments

Figures in
thousands

FederalFY14	\$77.2	FFY10	\$80.0	FFY06	\$80.0
FFY13	\$77.0	FFY09	\$80.0	FFY05	\$80.0
FFY12	\$80.0	FFY08	\$80.0	FFY04	\$80.0
FFY11	\$80.0	FFY07	\$80.0		

Funding Availability

Each state has one year to obligate each year's apportionment into a grant. Funds then available until grant closes.

Alaska's Grants

- State Fiscal Year grant to enhance bowhunter, archery, and basic hunter education programs.

Operational

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Source of Funds

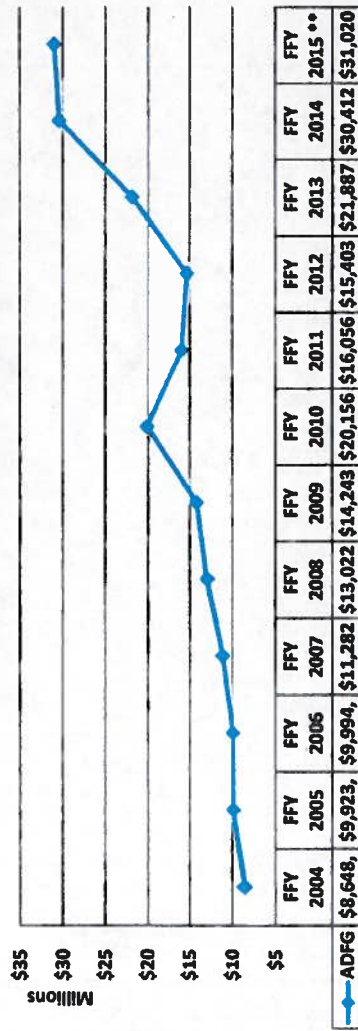
Excise taxes on firearms, ammunition, archery equipment and arrow components are collected and appropriated from the Pittman-Robertson Account. These funds are apportioned to states, the District of Columbia and insular areas based on formulas.

Subprograms

Wildlife Restoration. - The formula for apportioning funds is based on land area and the number of paid license holders. Alaska's apportioned amount is solely based on land area and is capped at the maximum of 5%. Alaska received \$20,826,230 for FFY13. funding used during State Fiscal Year 2014.

Basic Hunter Education & Safety. - The formula for apportioning funds is based on population and Alaska is apportioned the minimum, 1%. Alaska received \$1,064,454 for FFY13, funding used during State Fiscal Year 2014.

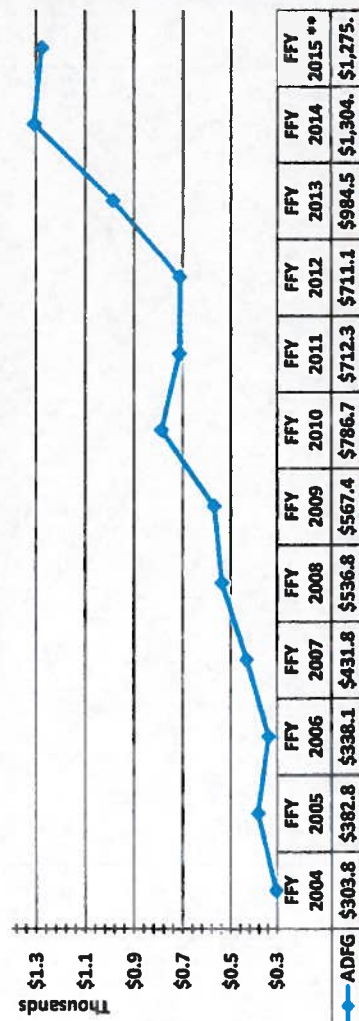
Apportionments to Alaska: Federal FY 2004 - 2014, Projected for 2015 Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration



Wildlife Restoration funding can be used for the following:

- Restore and manage wildlife for the benefit of the public.
- Conduct research on the problems of managing wildlife and its habitat if necessary to administer wildlife resources efficiently.
- Obtain data to guide and direct the regulation of hunting.
- Restore, rehabilitate, improve or manage areas of land or water as wildlife habitat.
- Build structures or acquire equipment, goods, and services to restore, rehabilitate, or improve lands or waters as wildlife habitat; or provide public access for hunting and other wildlife-oriented recreation

Basic Hunter Education & Safety (Sec 4C)



Hunter Education funding can be used for the following:

- Teach the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to be a responsible hunter.
- Construct, operate, or maintain firearm and archery ranges for public use.
- Enhance programs for hunter education, hunter development, and firearm and archery safety.

Federal Regulations for program administration:
50 CFR 80 - Administrative Requirements, Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration and Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Acts

Data Source: http://wsfirprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/GrantPrograms/WR/WR_Funding.htm