



NOAA FISHERIES SERVICE



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NEW LAW IN 2010

National Saltwater Angler Registry

Most New Jersey saltwater recreational anglers and spearfishers will need to be registered to fish for anadromous species in tidal waters or for any fish in Federal waters beginning January 1, 2010.

OVERVIEW

The Marine Recreational Information Program, or MRIP, is a new tool being used to achieve NOAA's mission of safeguarding the long-term health of our shared marine resources. The focus of the program is on saltwater recreational fishing, which generates an estimated \$82 billion in sales and supports over 500,000 jobs annually. MRIP is changing the way recreational fishing data is collected and reported to help ensure that managers, anglers, and other stakeholders have reliable information necessary to manage fish stocks and their surrounding ecosystems for generations to come.

THE NATIONAL SALTWATER ANGLER REGISTRY

A critical component of MRIP is the new National Saltwater Angler Registry, which will serve as a "phone book" of the nation's sport fishermen. The registry will enable NOAA to more effectively gather information from saltwater fishermen, enhancing our ability to produce the most timely and accurate information possible about the health of recreational fish stocks.

Most important, the registry will enable NOAA and anglers to more effectively work together to protect the long-term sustainability of our oceans and the sport of saltwater fishing.

WHO NEEDS TO REGISTER IN 2010

New Jersey saltwater recreational anglers will need to register if they:

- Fish for or catch anadromous species like river herring, shad or striped bass in tidal waters;
- Fish in the Federal waters more than 3 miles from the ocean shore or from the mouth of rivers or bays;
- Don't meet any of the exceptions below.

There is no cost to register in 2010.

EXCEPTIONS

New Jersey fishermen will not need to register if they are under 16; only fish on vessels that are holders of for-hire (or charter boat and party boat) permits issued by NOAA Fisheries; hold a Highly Migratory Species Angling permit; or are fishing commercially under a valid license.

Out-of-state saltwater recreational anglers who are already registered with NOAA do not need to re-register to fish in New Jersey.

HOW TO REGISTER

Beginning January 1, 2010, log on to www.countmyfish.noaa.gov, or call the toll-free registration line at 888-MRIP-411. Anglers can register and fish the same day.