

#### QUESTION 1

*How old are you?*

**If age 15 or UNDER:** Anglers age 15 and under do not need to register. However please make sure to learn about and follow the regulations where you will be fishing. You can contact the state's department of natural resources or the National Marine Fisheries Service Regional Office for more information. **TERMINATE.**

**If age 16 or OLDER. GO TO QUESTION 2**

#### QUESTION 2

*Will you be fishing exclusively on a for-hire vessel, such as a party boat, head boat, charter boat, guide boat or six-pack that is licensed as a for-hire vessel by the state or by NOAA Fisheries?*

**If YES:** Individuals who fish exclusively on state- or NMFS-licensed for-hire vessels are exempted from registering because we can capture fishing data from the vessel operator. You do not need to register, but please make sure to learn about and follow the regulations where you will be fishing. You can contact the state's department of natural resources or the National Marine Fisheries Service Regional Office for more information. **TERMINATE.**

**If NOT SURE:** If you are fishing on a for-hire vessel but are not sure whether it is licensed by the state or NOAA Fisheries, you can contact your Captain or booking agent and they can advise you.

**If NO: GO TO QUESTION 3**

#### QUESTION 3

*Do you currently possess a CURRENT AND VALID saltwater fishing license, registration or permit of any type? This could include a Highly Migratory Species Angling permit, a commercial or subsistence fishing license or permit issued by NOAA Fisheries or a state, or a state saltwater recreational fishing license or registration. Please let me know all that you possess.*

**If HMS Angling PERMIT or NMFS or state-issued Commercial or SUBSISTENCE PERMIT or LICENSE:** Individuals who hold [type of permit or license] do not need to register. However please make sure to learn about and follow the regulations where you will be fishing. You can contact the state's department of natural resources or the National Marine Fisheries Service Regional Office for more information. **TERMINATE.**

**If STATE SALTWATER RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE OR REGISTRATION ONLY: GO TO QUESTION 4**

**If NO PERMIT OR LICENSE: GO TO QUESTION 5**

#### QUESTION 4

*Which state is your license from?*

**If GREEN STATE:** [State] currently has an agreement in place with NOAA whereby anglers who possess a license are automatically registered. You do not need to take any further action at this point. However please make sure to learn about and follow the regulations where you will be

fishing. You can contact the state's department of natural resources or the National Marine Fisheries Service Regional Office for more information. **TERMINATE.**

**If ANY OTHER STATE:** Currently, with a few exceptions that we've already covered, anglers with a license from that state need to register with NOAA if they are going to be fishing in Federal waters ... that is, more than three miles off the shore of the ocean or Gulf of Mexico; or more than three miles from the ocean's or Gulf's entrance to sounds, bays and rivers, such as the Chesapeake Bay or the Columbia River\*. Anglers also need to register if they are fishing in any tidal water for anadromous species ... that is, fish like salmon or stripers that spend part of their lives in fresh water and part of their lives in the oceans. **GO TO QUESTION 5C.**

## QUESTION 5

*What state do you live in?*

**If GREEN STATE: GO TO QUESTION 5A**

**If ANY OTHER STATE: GO TO QUESTION 5C**

### QUESTION 5A

*Are you required to have a saltwater recreational fishing license or registration in [your state]? For instance, in some states persons over a certain age, or active duty military personnel on leave, are not required to have a license to fish in saltwater.*

**IF YES: GO TO QUESTION 5B**

**IF NO:**

[Your state] has an agreement in place with NOAA whereby state residents who are NOT REQUIRED to have the state's saltwater fishing license are NOT REQUIRED to register with the Angler Registry. YOU DO NOT NEED TO REGISTER WITH THE ANGLER REGISTRY, REGARDLESS OF WHERE YOU WILL BE FISHING. However, whenever fishing in saltwater, you should carry with you proof of residence in [Your State], along with whatever documentation is required by [Your State's] laws to identify you as an exempt individual. This might include a government document showing your age or military status. Also, if traveling, please make sure to learn about and follow the regulations where you will be fishing, which may have different regulations or licensing requirements from the state in which you live. You can contact the state's department of natural resources or the National Marine Fisheries Service Regional Office for more information. **TERMINATE.**

### QUESTION 5B

*Will you be purchasing a saltwater fishing license in [Your State]?*

**If YES:** [Your State] has an agreement in place with NOAA whereby anglers who possess a CURRENT AND VALID LICENSE from that state do not need to register. So keep in mind

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that if you purchase a short-term temporary license from [Your State], your registration in the Angler Registry will expire when the license does. If you buy an annual license, your registration will expire if you choose not to renew the license next year. Of course, please make sure to learn about and follow the regulations wherever you will be fishing. You can contact the state's department of natural resources or the National Marine Fisheries Service Regional Office for more information. **TERMINATE.**

**IF NO: GO TO QUESTION 5C**

#### **QUESTION 5C**

***Will you be purchasing a license in any other state, and if so which state(s)?***

**If PURCHASING FROM GREEN STATE:** [State] has an agreement in place with NOAA whereby anglers who possess a CURRENT AND VALID LICENSE from that state do not need to register. So keep in mind that if you purchase a short-term temporary license from that state, your registration in the Angler Registry will expire when the license does. If you buy an annual license from that state, your registration will expire if you choose not to renew the license next year. If you would like to register to ensure you're in compliance whenever you fish, I can help you with that now. Otherwise, are there other questions I can answer? **GO TO REGISTRATION, RESPOND TO QUESTION, OR TERMINATE.**

**If PURCHASING FROM ANY OTHER STATE:** With a few exceptions that we've already covered, anglers with a license from that state need to register with NOAA if they are going to be fishing in Federal waters ... that is, more than three miles off the shore of the ocean or Gulf of Mexico; or more than three miles from the ocean's or Gulf's entrance to sounds, bays and rivers, such as the Chesapeake Bay or the Columbia River\*. They also need to register if they are fishing in any coastal water for anadromous species ... that is, fish like stripers that spend part of their lives in fresh water and part of their lives in the oceans. **GO TO QUESTION 6.**

**If NO:** With a few exceptions that we've already covered, anglers need to register with NOAA if they are going to be fishing in Federal waters ... that is, more than three miles off the shore of the ocean or Gulf of Mexico; or more than three miles from the ocean's or Gulf's entrance to sounds, bays and rivers, such as the Chesapeake Bay or the Columbia River\*. They also need to register if they are fishing in any coastal water for anadromous species ... that is, fish like stripers that spend part of their lives in fresh water and part of their lives in the oceans. **GO TO QUESTION 6.**

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**QUESTION 6**

***Will you be, or might you be, fishing in Federal waters?***

**If YES:** If you plan on fishing in Federal waters, or think you might be, you should register. I can help you with that right now. **GO TO REGISTRATION.**

**If NO:** OK, then, I have one last question. **GO TO QUESTION 7.**

**QUESTION 7**

***Will you be fishing for anadromous species in tidal water, or do you think that there's a chance you will catch anadromous fish?***

**If YES:** If you plan on fishing for anadromous species in tidal waters, then you'll need to register. I can help you with that right now. **GO TO REGISTRATION.**

**If NO:** I understand you will not be targeting anadromous species. However, if you catch an anadromous fish, you need to be registered. Therefore, NOAA recommends that if you will be fishing in tidal waters where you might catch an anadromous fish, such as a striper or salmon, then you should go ahead and register. Would you like to register now?

**If YES:** OK, I can help you with that. **GO TO REGISTRATION.**

**If NO:** OK, I hope I've been helpful. Do you have any other questions I can help you with? **RESPOND TO QUESTION, OR TERMINATE.**