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Angler Registry.

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required beginning
Jan. 1, 2010.

WHO MUST REGISTER?

Massachusetts anglers who fish in federal waters, or target or catch anadromous species (saltwater fish that spawn in freshwater) like shad, striped bass or smelt in any tidal or salt waters.

WHO IS EXEMPT?

Anglers who are under 16; only fish on licensed charter, party or guide boats; hold a Highly Migratory Species Angling permit; are fishing commercially under a valid license; or are already registered through an exempted state.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Starting Jan. 1, 2010, go online at www.countmyfish.noaa.gov. Registration is FREE in 2010.

WHY REGISTER?

Registration is the law. It is also an important new tool for NOAA and anglers to help ensure the longterm sustainability of saltwater fishing.

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Massachusetts Recreational Saltwater Permit

Beginning January 1, 2011, Massachusetts anglers must purchase a state Recreational Saltwater Permit exempting anglers from the Federal Registry.

For More on the Massachusetts Permit
www.mass.gov/marinefisheries