

X. NATIONAL SALTWATER ANGLER REGISTRY

As of January 1, 2011, if you have a saltwater recreational fishing license or registration from any state or U.S. territory *except* Hawaii, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands, you are *automatically* registered and do not need to take further action.

For more information about the Angler Registry, please go to <http://www.countmyfish.noaa.gov> or call the toll-free registration line at 1-888-MRIP411 (1-888-674-7411) from 4:00 am to 12 midnight EST daily.

Following are several points of clarification about the relationship between anglers/vessels with Atlantic HMS permits and the Angler Registry:

- Individuals who fish exclusively on state- or NOAA Fisheries-licensed for-hire vessels (e.g., on a charter or headboat) are exempted from registering because fishing data can be obtained from the vessel operator.
- In the case of HMS Angling permit holders, only the individual permit holder is exempt. Other anglers fishing aboard the vessel will need to register, unless otherwise exempt.
- Individuals who hold a commercial or subsistence fishing license or permit issued by NOAA Fisheries or a state/territory will need to register if they intend to fish recreationally. These individuals do not need to register while fishing pursuant to their commercial or subsistence fishing license or permit.