

Good Morning,

In the past few days our Licensing Division has had many calls transferred from IF&W in regards to the new Federal Saltwater Registry Law that goes in to effect January 1, 2010. This is a Federal Law that passed requiring anglers to register on the Federal Registry with NOAA if they fish for or catch anadromous species in tidal waters; or fish in federal waters more than 3 miles from the ocean shore. Anadromous species are those that live mostly in the ocean but migrate into rivers and streams to spawn. As the Registry is handled through the Feds our office cannot register anglers. For customer convenience please refer customers to [www.countmyfish.noaa.gov](http://www.countmyfish.noaa.gov) or have them call (888) 674-7411. Registration is free in 2010 and they can register and fish the same day. Please feel free to forward this information to any interested parties. Thanks in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

Ann Tarr

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