

The Marine Recreational Information Program

NOAA launched a program in 2010 called the **Marine Recreational Information Program** (MRIP). It replaces the Marine Recreational Fishing Statistical Survey (MRFSS) that had been collecting information about angling in the U.S. since the 1980s. MRIP differs from MRFSS in that potential biases are removed. In other words, it better addresses some of the issues that affected the quality of data that MRFSS collected and analyzed, and the accuracy of the catch and effort estimates that were produced.

Along with MRIP, NOAA also set up a [National Saltwater Angler Registry](#). Federal law requires any angler who fishes for saltwater or anadromous fish in U.S. waters to register with the Registry. Luckily, Connecticut anglers do not have to complete this registration themselves and therefore they can forego the registration fee. Instead, through an agreement between the Connecticut DEEP and NOAA, Connecticut anglers that purchase a **Marine Waters Fishing License** are exempt from the Registry since DEEP automatically registers MWFL holders for free.

What's the catch?

MRIP, the NOAA body that collects data on angling, randomly contacts anglers who are part of the Registry to survey them about their fishing activity.

What's YOUR role in sustainable fishing?

As an angler, you have an opportunity to play a central role in a multi-part process. By participating in the survey, you help give DEEP and NOAA a clear understanding of who is fishing and what they are catching.

What's in it for YOU?

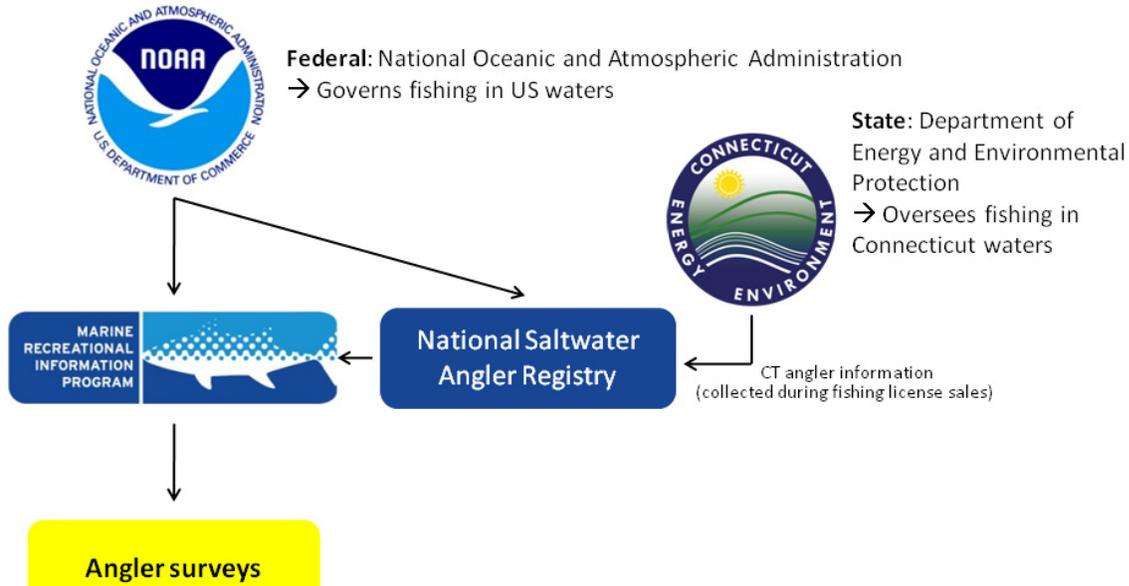
NOAA combines what they learn about your fishing activity from your survey answers with commercial catch information and biological research to make fishing regulations that are fair, that keep stocks healthy, and that ensure that you can keep fishing.

Your Survey Answers = Better Fishing Opportunities

When you purchase or renew your recreational marine fishing license, please give your full name, address, and telephone number.

Who is Who?

See how NOAA and DEEP work together, and how MRIP and the Registry depend on your survey answers to help manage our ocean resources



Your Catch Counts in the Fisheries Management Process

