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Angling 4 Oceans, a partnership of recreational fishing organizations, the fishing industry and state agencies, is working to motivate and activate recreational anglers to improve marine conservation so that America's more than 14 million recreational saltwater anglers can continue to enjoy fishing. With your help, we're navigating a future for saltwater fishing.



The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership is a coalition of leading conservation organizations and individual grassroots partners, working together to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitat, increase funding for conservation and management and expand access to places to hunt and fish.

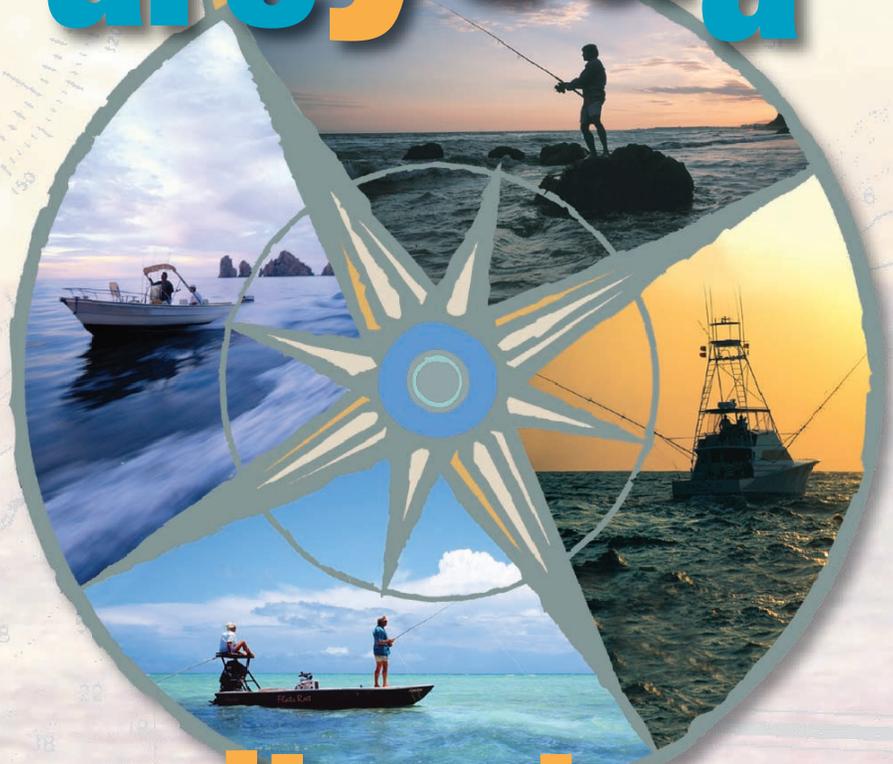
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saltwater angler?



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If your answer is yes...

then you need to know regulations that could impact you and your saltwater fishing experience for years to come are being written by the federal government. Die-hards, weekend warriors, holiday dabblers and those that occasionally fish with a buddy will be affected by these regulations. But, before the regulations are formalized you can enhance fishing by influencing the results.

That is why Angling 4 Oceans -- a coalition of local, state, regional and national recreational fishing and conservation organizations, the fishing industry and state agencies - has come together to motivate and activate recreational anglers to be a part of the new regulations writing process. It is as easy as wetting a line in the water.

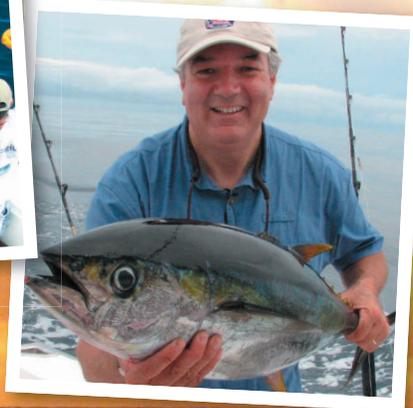
A federal law you need to know

In 1976, Congress passed the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA), a law that governs marine fisheries management in federal waters, usually three to 200 miles off-shore.

The MSA was reauthorized in 2007 with new measures increasing protection for America's saltwater fisheries.

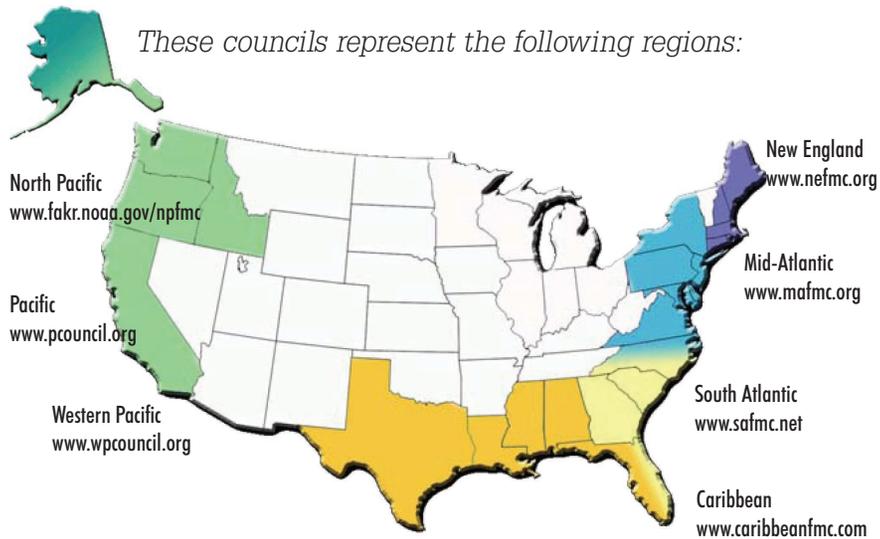
It was a landmark victory for saltwater anglers and all Americans who care about marine resource conservation, proving that the MSA is for anglers, providing them the opportunity to speak up and improve fishing opportunities.

Amending the law was only the beginning. New requirements are now being implemented. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is in the process of issuing rules affecting coastal fishing.



What comes next?

In 2009, new provisions of the MSA will be implemented through an extensive fishery management process. America's fishery resources are the responsibility of eight regional councils that develop management plans to conserve and sustain America's marine fisheries.



The councils are composed of state fishery directors, the regional administrator for NOAA Fisheries and private citizens. Council membership ranges from seven to 21 voting members depending on the region. Each council has advisory panels and a science and statistics committee.

The development of fishery management plans is a highly public and participatory process. The adoption of final regulations is also an open process in which concerned recreational fishermen can participate.

The councils are making decisions every day that affect the number of fish available, your allocation, fishing season, size and bag limit. You can make a difference.

Fixing the problem: How you can help.

• **Take Part in the Angling 4 Oceans Campaign**

Stay in tune to the major issues impacting federal marine recreational fisheries. You can become involved online at www.angling4oceans.org. We will keep you informed of the big issues impacting your sport. From commenting on proposed rule to signing petitions, there are many ways in which you can lend a hand.

• **Join A Fishing Organization**

Become a member of either a national, regional or local fishing organization. There are many of these organizations working tirelessly to keep our fisheries management headed in the right direction. By joining any one of a number of organizations, you increase the volume of the saltwater angler's voice. A list of these organizations and their contact information can be found at www.angling4oceans.org.

• **Attend regional fisheries council meetings**

Attend the public meetings and hearings the regional councils will be holding throughout the fishery management process. A strong recreational angler presence at these functions will demonstrate to fisheries council members that the long-term sustainability of fish stocks is more important than short-term economic gains. Dates and times of these meetings can be found on the Regional Councils' Web sites listed in this booklet.

• **Utilize the Media**

Contact your local and regional media and let them know of the issues facing America's fisheries resources. Talk with reporters, submit letters to the editor and write opinion pieces for newspapers. Call your favorite angling publications to let them know you want to see more articles addressing marine resource management.

Be Sure to Add a Dash of



Whether attending regional fishery council management meetings or submitting written comments to NOAA, Angling 4 Oceans asks that you incorporate its SALT principles into your statements. Originally created to help guide the restructuring of the MSA in 2006, the four SALT principles are still pertinent regarding upcoming rulemaking. The principles are:

- S**cience must be used in marine fisheries conservation
- A**llocate fisheries resources more equitably to recreational anglers
- L**icense salt water anglers to improve data collection and increase funding
- T**ackle should reduce bycatch and not damage habitat

Please visit the TRCP's Angling 4 Oceans Web site, www.angling4oceans.org, to learn more about conserving the places you fish.

With your help, we're navigating a brighter future for saltwater fishing.

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