

Info on other states - As you know, prior to 2 years ago, all coastal states in the US had some form of a saltwater license except for the NE states starting with Delaware. Since then, most have come on line or are serious along in the process. You can assure the legislators that all states will eventually fall in line because of this federal mandate. Here's the NE data including resident and non-resident fee and comments on where they are in the process:

State	resident fee	non-resident	comment
DE	8.50	20	legislation passed; in place since last year
NJ			unknown status; hot bed of resistance; several bills have not moved
NY	10	15	legislation passed; to begin Oct. 1, 2009
CT	10	15	legislation passed; in place since Sep. 1, 2009
RI	7	10	legislation passed but amended in Senate, awaiting new vote in the House
NH	15	15	legislation passed, not in place yet
ME	15	30	legislation filed, a couple bills have failed including a free registration

Question: Does the [Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization of 2006](#) provision that exempts a federal registry in states where a state registry exists or is implemented require the state to establish and maintain a dedicated funding source? If so, can you please forward the language to us?

Answer from Paul Diodati, Director of DMF - No, MSA - Reauthorization does not require states to dedicate license funds as part of the criteria to exempt them from having a federal registry. The Wallup-Breaux Amendment (1984) to the Sport Fish Restoration Act requires states to dedicate recreational license funds in order to qualify for Sport Fish Restoration funding. The Commonwealth has been a qualified recipient of these federal funds and currently is apportioned about \$5 million annually; the funds are shared between DMF (\$2 million), DFW (\$2 million) and PAB (\$1 million). We have qualified because DMF has not collected a recreational license fee to date and DFW's fees are dedicated to recreational fisheries programs. So once DMF begins to collect similar fees, they too must be dedicated in accordance with the SFA in order to continue to receive annual apportionment of federal SFA funds.