# SALTWATER LICENSE
## Neighboring State Legislative Proposals

Here's a brief list of legislative bills/proposals for other Northeast states:

**Connecticut**
- $20 resident, $30 nonresident;
- $10 1-day resident, $20 3-day nonresident
- recriprocity with NY, RI, MA, NH, ME if they recognize CT

**Massachusetts** (proposed, but no legislation as of press time)
- $10 resident and nonresident
- reciprocity for nonresidents of NH or RI
- New Hampshire
- $15 resident & nonresident
- reciprocity for ME and MA, provide they provide for NH

**Maine** (2 bills introduced)
1. A free registry introduced by Sen. Trahan
2. Supported by Maine DEP
- $15 resident; $30 nonresident
- reciprocity w/NH only/limited

**New York**
- $10 resident; $15 nonresident
- $8 resident, $10 nonresident for 7-day license
- $4 resident, $5 nonresidetn for 1-day license
- reciprocity limited (for RI only for Long Island/B.I.Sounds

# LICENSE LEGISLATION (from page 49)

**20-2.2-9. Accountability and oversight. –**

(a) **On an annual basis, the department shall prepare a report that details the number of recreational saltwater fishing licenses** issued, the total amount of license fee revenue received, the expenditures made during the prior year utilizing the fee revenue, and how the department plans to allocate and use the fee revenue during the next year. The report shall also include any additional, relevant information relating to the administration and enforcement of the licensing program, and status of state-based recreational fishing assessments and stock assessments.

(b) The department shall annually **submit the report to the marine fisheries council**, and the council shall annually schedule and conduct **one or more public meetings to solicit input from recreational fishermen** and the general public. On the basis of such input, and the council's own review, the council shall annually prepare an addendum to the report, setting forth the council's opinion on whether the licensing program is meeting its intended purposes, and offering any recommendations for modifying the program.

(c) The department shall annually submit the report, including the addendum developed by the council, to the general assembly.

**20-2.2-9. Rules and regulations.** – The director is authorized to promulgate, adopt, and enforce any and all rules and regulations deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

SECTION 2. This act shall **take effect on January 1, 2010**.

# MEMBER STORY (from page 43)

We then turned our focus on Greg's fish which appeared to be a little bigger than mine. Ten minutes later it surfaced and we ID'ed it as another bluefin so we brought it along side the boat and popped the hook for a clean release. The fish was in the mid- 60 inch range

For the rest of the night we had two other bluefins on squid baits that were both released before the Swordman finally got his bite at around 3:00 AM. The reel started to run off a bit and then the fish came right to the surface for a big boil around the balloon with a glow stick that was out about 20 yards. Greg quickly reeled up all the slack and came tight with the fish for about 1 minute before the hook was pulled. Unfortunate circumstance, but this happens from time to time. Needless to say Greg was pretty bummed after that! At least you got the bite GregO…..next time that fish is ours!

Then just before 5:00 AM Capt. Dom notices that the Furuno fish finder is lit up with tuna marks, so he drops a jig down with a spinning outfit and comes tight …..zzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz zzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz zzzzzzzz zzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz zzzzzzzzz

Since we were in release mode with these fish Dom did his best to horse the fish to the boat, and in just under 20 minutes we had it to the stern and popped the hook while the fish was still in the water.

Pounded the area for a little while longer before we decided that with enough tuna under our belts to make a little gamble and head for the warm water in search of Mr. Billfish

Five or six miles to the south at the 1000 fathom line the temp went from 74 to almost 78. There was a huge weedline that I started trolling next to and then soon after out of the corner of my eye I noticed a marlin about 200 feet off our starboard side just cruising the surface heading in the opposite direction from us. I quickly cut the wheel and then circled around, but never did get his attention.

At this point we noticed the storm cells building on the Sirius Weather system around Long Island. We decided that with a 120 nautical mile trip home, it was best to start heading north. We finished the day playing with some skipjacks that would of made perfect marlin baits if we would have had more time, and then we hit one last high flyer for some more mahi before calling it quits for good.

All in all it was an incredible experience shared with an awesome crew. One that I will never forget. Final tally for the trip was 20 mahi, 2 for 2 on yellowfin tuna, 5 for 8 on bluefin, and a missed swordfish bite. We also had a small mako pop in and out of the lights at night a few times and a tiger shark towards the end of the night.