



Marine Game Fish Tagging Program

Monthly Summary

December 2021



Because program activity is ongoing, this report represents approximate numbers, and may not be reflective of overall activity.

During the month of December 2021, a total of 303 fish were tagged and released by 25 active participants. There were 49 recaptures reported from 47 recreational anglers. Anglers tagged fish representing 7 species and recaptured fish representing 4 species (Table 1).

Species	Tagged and released	Recaptured and re-released	Recaptured and harvested
Sheepshead	28		
Striped Bass	7	1	
Red Snapper	1		
Black Drum	13	3	2
Red Drum	208	35	5
Amberjack	4		
Flounder	42	3	
TOTALS	303	42	7

Table 1: The number of fish tagged and recaptured by the program participants for the month of December 2021. Note the number recaptured could include fish that were initially tagged before the start of the month.

There was one notable recapture for December 2021

A red drum that was tagged 447 days ago in the Wappoo Cut was recaptured for the 7th time! Truly a wild example of the benefits of catch and release fishing!

Event Date	Event Type	Tag	Len.	Angler	General Location
10/09/2020	Capture, Initial tagging, Released		20	Pelto, Iain	Elliot's Cut (Wappoo Cut), Wappoo Creek (Coburg Creek)
01/24/2021	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released	17-00000	22	Dowdy, Tanya	Elliot's Cut (Wappoo Cut), Wappoo Creek (Coburg Creek)
03/30/2021	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released	17-00000	23.25	Zoller, Bill	Elliot's Cut (Wappoo Cut), Wappoo Creek (Coburg Creek)
04/07/2021	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released	17-00000	21	Bufton, James	Stono River (non-specific); Lazy River Drive
08/19/2021	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released	17-00000	25	Zamagni, Nick	Elliot's Cut (Wappoo Cut), Wappoo Creek (Coburg Creek)
09/16/2021	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released	17-00000	25.5	Rodgers, Brent	Elliot's Cut (Wappoo Cut), Wappoo Creek (Coburg Creek)
10/30/2021	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released		26	Brandt, Casey	Elliot's Cut (Wappoo Cut), Wappoo Creek (Coburg Creek)
12/30/2021	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released		26	Williams, Nathalie	Elliot's Cut (Wappoo Cut), Wappoo Creek (Coburg Creek)