



Marine Game Fish Tagging Program

Monthly Summary

August 2021



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

During the month of August 2021, a total of 204 fish were tagged and released by 29 active participants. There were 51 recaptures reported from 50 recreational anglers. Anglers tagged fish representing 10 species and recaptured fish representing 5 species (Table 1).

The tagging program is actively analyzing the distribution of tags by county to determine where there are geological gaps in tagging data (Figure 1). To increase the distribution of tags outside of Charleston County, we ask that potential taggers contact Joey Coz at CozJ@dnr.sc.gov or (843) 953-9588 to inquire about being added to the waitlist for tags.

| Species | Tagged and Released | Recaptured and Re-released | Recaptured and Harvested |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Red Drum | 119 | 35 | 3 |
| Flounder | 59 | 5 | 4 |
| Black Drum | 11 | 4 | 1 |
| Cobia | 6 | 1 | |
| Red Snapper | 3 | | |
| Amberjack | 2 | | |
| Whiting | 1 | | |
| Gag Grouper | 1 | | |
| Sheepshead | 1 | 1 | |
| Tripletail | 1 | | |
| TOTALS | 204 | 46 | 8 |

Table 1: The number of fish tagged and recaptured by the program participants for the month of August 2021.

Note the number recaptured could include fish that were initially tagged before the start of the month.

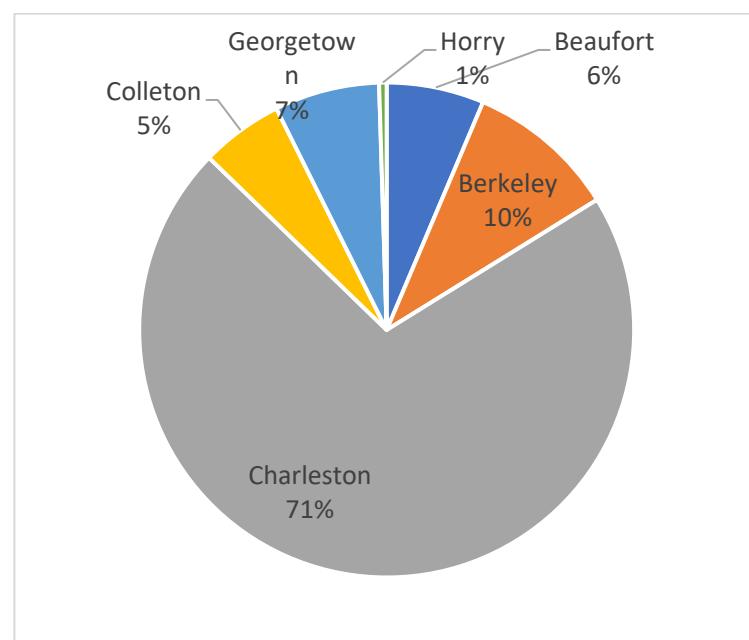


Figure 1: Distribution of tagged fish by county for August 2021

There was one notable recapture for August 2021:

A red drum that was initially tagged 248 days ago was recaptured this month. This fish has been recaptured 4 times in less than a year! Quite an amazing feat of catch and release fishing!

| Event Date | Event Type | Tag | Len. | Angler | General Location |
|------------|--|-----|-------|-------------------|--|
| 12/22/2020 | Capture, Initial tagging, Released | | 21.25 | Pelto, Iain | Stono River Near Jicp, James Island Creek (back Part) |
| 03/31/2021 | Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released | | 22.5 | Gilkerson, Joseph | Elliot's Cut (Wappoo Cut), Wappoo Creek (Coburg Creek) |
| 04/13/2021 | Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released | | 21 | Thames, Bob | Elliot's Cut (Wappoo Cut), Wappoo Creek (Coburg Creek) |
| 04/28/2021 | Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released | | 19.5 | Petrillo, Michael | Stono River (non-specific); Lazy River Drive |
| 08/27/2021 | Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released | | 24 | Hay, E. Gordon | Elliot's Cut (Wappoo Cut), Wappoo Creek (Coburg Creek) |