



Marine Game Fish Tagging Program Monthly Summary October 2021



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

During the month of October 2021, a total of 435 fish were tagged and released by 37 active participants. There were 96 recaptures reported from 86 recreational anglers. Anglers tagged fish representing 9 species and recaptured fish representing 5 species (Table 1).

Species	Tagged and released	Recaptured and re-released	Recaptured and harvested
Red Drum	337	65	8
Flounder	50	8	4
Black Drum	20	8	
Sheepshead	17	2	
Striped Bass	4		
Gag Grouper	3		
Whiting	2		
White Grunt	1		
Red Snapper	1	1	
TOTAL	431	83	12

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

There were 4 notable recaptures for October 2021

A red snapper that was at large for 1,969 days was recaptured after doubling in size.

Event Date	Event Type	Tag	Len.	Angler	General Location
05/11/2016	Capture, Initial tagging, Released	16000	16	Babcock, Courtland	North Hole
10/01/2021	Recapture, Removed tag, Released	16000	32	Finch, Charles D Sr	Edisto Offshore Reef

A striper was recaptured after being at large for 373.

Event Date	Event Type	Tag	Len.	Angler	General Location
11/23/2020	Capture, Initial tagging, Released	14500	14.5	Fladd, David	Cooper River, Slack Reach
12/01/2021	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released	14500	19.5	Bone, Gary	Cooper R. @ Mark Clark; Clouter Creek (middle Section); Filbin

A red drum made a unique journey from the jetties to the upper Wando River. This fish was at large for 574 days

Event Date	Event Type	Tag	Len.	Angler	General Location
03/19/2020	Capture, Initial tagging, Released	27000	15.5	Fladd, David	Jetties, Charleston, Dynamite Hole
10/14/2021	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released	27000	27	Brooks, Jeremy	Upper Wando River

A red drum that was originally tagged in Folly Creek was recaptured 516 days later at the Grillage.

Event Date	Event Type	Tag	Len.	Angler	General Location
05/29/2020	Capture, Initial tagging, Released	36000	25.5	Coleman, Graham Pinckney	Folly Creek, Bowen Island, Holland Island Creek, Stono River
10/27/2021	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released	36000	36	Hawkins, William	Sw Area Sullivans Island/ Grillage/moultrie Rocks