



Marine Game Fish Tagging Program Monthly Summary March 2021



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

During the month of March 2021, a total of 252 fish were tagged and released by 25 active participants. There were 133 recaptures reported from 107 recreational anglers. Anglers tagged fish representing 8 species and recaptured fish representing 5 species (Table 1).

The tagging program is actively analyzing the distribution of tags by county in order 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.

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

Row Labels	Tagged and Released	Recaptured and Re-released	Recaptured and Retained
Bass, Striped	2	1	
Grouper, Gag	2		
Snapper, American Red	2		
Sheepshead	93	6	
Cubbyu	1		
Drum, Black	22	26	1
Drum, Red	116	89	5
Flounder, Southern	13	1	

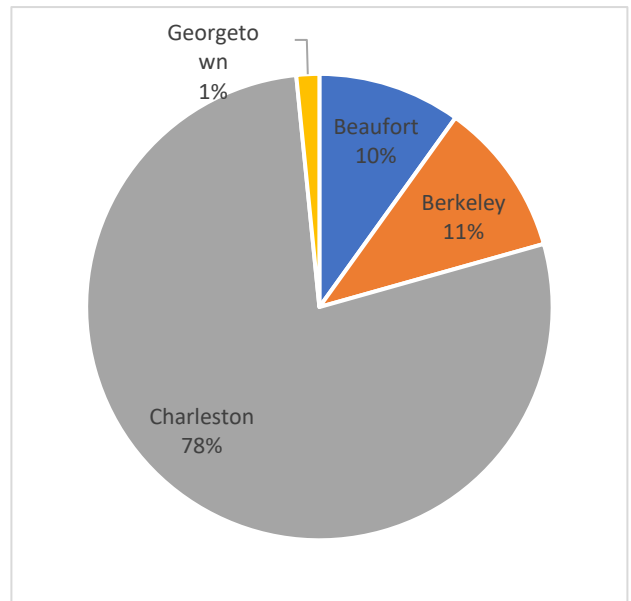


Figure 1: Distribution of tagged fish by county for March 2021