



Marine Game Fish Tagging Program Monthly Summary April 2021



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

During the month of April 2021, a total of 302 fish were tagged and released by 29 active participants. There were 96 recaptures reported from 83 recreational anglers. Anglers tagged fish representing 8 species and recaptured fish representing 6 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.

Species	Tagged and Released	Recaptured and Re-released	Recaptured and Retained
Red Drum	111	54	4
Southern Flounder	72	4	2
Sheepshead	56	11	
Black Drum	43	12	7
Whiting	9		
Red Snapper	5	1	
Gag Grouper	5		
Striped Bass	1		1
TOTAL	302	82	14

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.

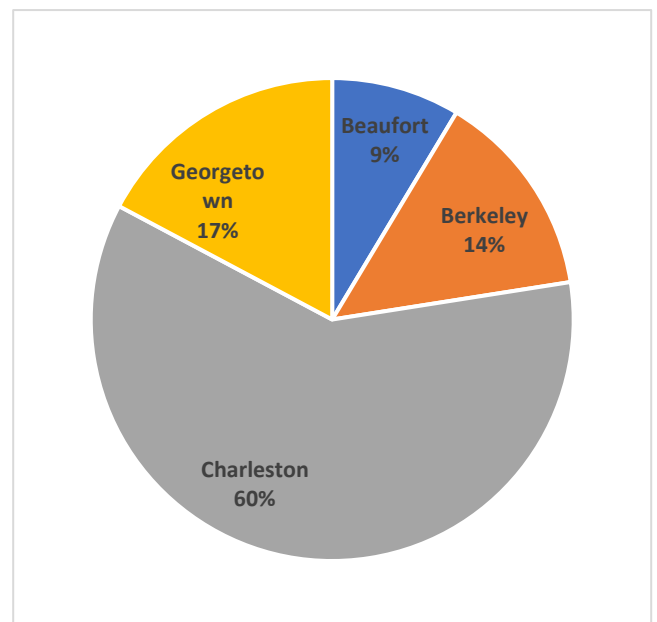


Figure 1: Distribution of tagged fish by county for March 2021