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

During the month of September 2021, a total of 363 fish were tagged and released by 34 active participants. There were 73 recaptures reported from 70 recreational anglers. Anglers tagged fish representing 9 species and recaptured fish representing 6 species (Table 1).

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

There were 4 notable recaptures for September 2021: A tripletail! This fish was only at large for 49 days and did not show substantial movement, but it represents our first tripletail recapture since 2001!

This fish likely made the journey to the Grillage to spawn.

This red drum has been at large for just under one year and has already had 5 reported recaptures! Catch and release fishing at its finest!

What a spectacular journey by this red drum! Upper Wando River to Cape Fear. This fish was at large for 497 days. However, the recapture effort would be better if the tag was not removed. Please remember unless it says, "remove tag," then please leave it in the fish upon release.