



Marine Game Fish Tagging Program Monthly Summary February 2022



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

During the month of February 2022, a total of 142 fish were tagged and released by 15 active participants. There were 29 recaptures reported from 26 recreational anglers. Anglers tagged and recaptured fish representing 6 species (Table 1).

Species	Tagged	Recaptured and re-released	Recaptured and harvested
Black drum	11	1	2
Red drum	88	24	2
Sheepshead	18		
Black sea bass (SCDNR)	15		
Striped bass	7		
Flounder	3		
TOTALS	142	25	4

Table 1: The number of fish tagged and recaptured by the program participants for the month of February 2022.

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

There were 3 notable recaptures for February 2022

A red drum that was tagged nearly two and half years ago in the upper Wando River was recaptured in the same area. Two previous recaptures show the fish existing in the lower areas of the Wando River.

Event Date	Event Type	Tag	Len.	Angler	General Location
10/19/2019	Capture, Initial tagging, Released	1000000	14	Green, Ralph	Upper Wando River
10/20/2021	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released	1000000	28	Crawford, Zachary	Lower Wando River, Hobcaw Creek, Molasses Creek, Remleys
10/24/2021	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released	1000000	28	Peklinsky, Connor	Foster Creek Area
02/20/2022	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released	1000000	29	Bright, Ashley	Upper Wando River

A red drum that was tagged near Fort Johnson in 2022 was recapped at the jetties twice! Once in February, and again in March.

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08/14/2020	Capture, Initial tagging, Released	1000000	25	Pelto, Iain	Charleston Harbor (Ft. Johnson, Ft. Sumter, Castle Pinckney,
02/13/2022	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released	1000000	31.5	Friedman, Katie	Charleston Jetties / Dynamite Hole
03/14/2022	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released	1000000	31	Rimer, Daniel	Charleston Jetties / Dynamite Hole

A black drum was tagged in the western region of the Kiawah River was at large for 101 days before being recaptured and harvested at the Paradise Reef off Murrells Inlet.

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11/04/2021	Capture, Initial tagging, Released	1000000	17	Ward, John	Kiawah River And Bridge; Mingo Point; Fiddler Creek; Eagle Island
02/13/2022	Recapture, Removed tag, Harvested	1000000	18	Singleton, Justin	Paradise Reef (3 Mile)