



Marine Game Fish Tagging Program Monthly Summary March 2022



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

During the month of March 2022, a total of 138 fish were tagged and released by 19 active participants. There were 57 recaptures reported from 55 recreational anglers. Anglers tagged and recaptured fish representing 6 species (Table 1).

Species	Tagged	Recaptured and re-released	Recaptured and harvested
Striped bass	3		
Black seabass (SCDNR)	5		
Sheepshead	33	1	
Black drum	2	5	
Red drum	68	48	3
Flounder	27		
TOTALS	138	54	3

Table 1: The number of fish tagged and recaptured by the program participants for the month of March 2022. Note the number recaptured could include fish that were initially tagged before the start of the month.

There were 3 notable recaptures for March 2022

A red drum was at large for 877 days. The fish has grown more than a foot and is retaining a T-bar tag nicely!

Event Date	Event Type	Tag	Len.	Angler	General Location
11/02/2019	Capture, Initial tagging, Released		16.75	Pelto, Iain	Elliot's Cut (Wappoo Cut), Wappoo Creek (Coburg Creek)
03/28/2022	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released		29	Kowalewski, Brendan	Pennys Creek, Stono River

A red drum in Goose Creek has safely escaped the slot! The fish is retaining a T-bar tag nicely!

Event Date	Event Type	Tag	Len.	Angler	General Location
02/01/2020	Capture, Initial tagging, Released		16.25	Pelto, Iain	Goose Creek
03/13/2021	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released		22	Drumheller, Thomas	Goose Creek
03/30/2022	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released		28.25	Shipman, Mark	Goose Creek

A big black drum continues to be recaptured and released in the lower areas of the Wando River.

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06/11/2021	Capture, Initial tagging, Released		31	Daniel, Austin	Middle Wando River
10/02/2021	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released		27	Costas, Kim	Rathall Creek, Ralston, Wando Terminal, 526 Bridge
03/30/2022	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released		34	Abee, Brandon	Rathall Creek, Ralston, Wando Terminal, 526 Bridge