



Marine Game Fish Tagging Program Monthly Summary April 2022



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

During the month of April 2022, a total of 255 fish were tagged and released by 28 active participants. There were 60 recaptures reported from 55 recreational anglers. Anglers tagged or recaptured fish representing 8 species (Table 1).

Species	Tagged	Recaptured and re-released	Recaptured and harvested
Cobia			1
Red snapper	1		
Sheepshead	29	4	
Black drum	15	5	
Red drum	107	40	4
Flounder	98	4	
Gag grouper	5		
Black sea bass		2	
TOTALS	255	55	5

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

There were 5 notable recaptures for April 2022

Another red drum escapes slot thanks to catch and release fishing! Over 3 ½ years elapsed between the initially tagging event and the latest recapture. The fish has grown over a foot since being tagged in 2018! This fish is retaining its T-bar tag nicely!

Event Date	Event Type	Tag	Len.	Angler	General Location
09/20/2018	Capture, Initial tagging, Released		12.75	Myers, Don	Upper Cooper River near Nexans, Flagg Creek, and Lynan Creek
04/27/2020	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released		18.5	Hyatt, Tommy W.	Upper Cooper River near Nexans, Flagg Creek, and Lynan Creek
04/27/2022	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released		27	Neto, Jose	Upper Cooper River near Nexans, Flagg Creek, and Lynan Creek

This red was initially tagged 951 days before its latest recapture. This fish is retaining its T-bar tag nicely!

Event Date	Event Type	Tag	Len.	Angler	General Location
09/13/2019	Capture, Initial tagging, Released		11.75	Myers, Don	Goose Creek
06/04/2021	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released		25.75	Johnston, Robert	Goose Creek
04/21/2022	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released		28	Fussell, Randy	Goose Creek

A red drum tagged in the Upper Wando River was at large for over 2 ½ years before being recaptured in the creeks near IOP. Another fish retaining a T-bar tag nicely!

Event Date	Event Type	Tag	Len.	Angler	General Location
09/24/2019	Capture, Initial tagging, Released		13.5	Holt, Chris	Upper Wando River
04/04/2022	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released		27.5	Varadi, Luke	Iop, Morgan, Cedar, Dewees Creeks/ Dewees Inlet, Waterway

A big red drum that was initially tagged by surf fishing guru, Harry Johnson, was at large for 906 days before being recaptured in the creeks of Cape Romain.

Event Date	Event Type	Tag	Len.	Angler	General Location
10/19/2019	Capture, Initial tagging, Released		41.5	Johnson, Harry	Cape Romain Harbor / North Cape Island
04/12/2022	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released		41	Flook, Stephen Jr	Horsehead Creek, Casino Creek, Cape Romain

A cobia initially tagged in 2020 at the Charleston 60 Reef meets his maker off the coast of Florida.

Event Date	Event Type	Tag	Len.	Angler	General Location
07/09/2020	Capture, Initial tagging, Released			Smith, Champ	Charleston 60' Reef
04/03/2022	Recapture, Removed tag, Harvested		38	Giuffrida, Christopher	Offshore Sebastian Inlet