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Marine Game Fish Tagging Program monthly summary

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Marine Game Fish Tagging Program Monthly Summary August 2021



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

During the month of August 2021, a total of 204 fish were tagged and released by 29 active participants. There were 51 recaptures reported from 50 recreational anglers. Anglers tagged fish representing 10 species and recaptured fish representing 5 species (Table 1).

The tagging program is actively analyzing the distribution of tags by county 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 Harvested
Red Drum	119	35	3
Flounder	59	5	4
Black Drum	11	4	1
Cobia	6	1	
Red Snapper	3		
Amberjack	2		
Whiting	1		
Gag Grouper	1		
Sheepshead	1	1	
Tripletail	1		
TOTALS	204	46	8

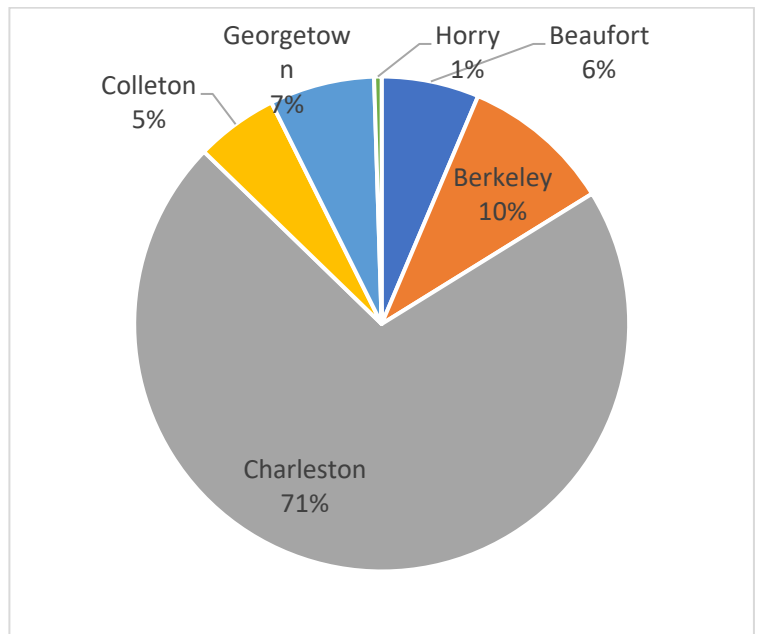


Table 1: The number of fish tagged and recaptured by the program participants for the month of August 2021.

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 August 2021

There was one notable recapture for August 2021:

A red drum that was initially tagged 248 days ago was recaptured this month. This fish has been recaptured 4 times in less than a year! Quite an amazing feat of catch and release fishing!

Event Date	Event Type	Tag	Len.	Angler	General Location
12/22/2020	Capture, Initial tagging, Released	[REDACTED]	21.25	Pelto, Iain	Stono River Near Jicp, James Island Creek (back Part)
03/31/2021	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released	[REDACTED]	22.5	Gilkerson, Joseph	Elliot's Cut (Wappoo Cut), Wappoo Creek (Coburg Creek)
04/13/2021	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released	[REDACTED]	21	Thames, Bob	Elliot's Cut (Wappoo Cut), Wappoo Creek (Coburg Creek)
04/28/2021	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released	[REDACTED]	19.5	Petrillo, Michael	Stono River (non-specific); Lazy River Drive
08/27/2021	Recapture, Previous tag observed, Released	[REDACTED]	24	Hay, E. Gordon	Elliot's Cut (Wappoo Cut), Wappoo Creek (Coburg Creek)