



What Happens to Tagged Fish?



Tag details		Recapture details
Tag	Z58912	
Species	Aust Bass (<i>Macquaria novaemaculata</i>)	
Date	23/12/93	23/11/01
Length	290mm	530mm
Location	Lake Moogerah	Lake Moogerah
Fisher	Roy Souter	Alex Sinclair
Days Out	2892	
Growth	240mm (0.08mm/day)	
Movement	Recaptured same area	
Released	Yes	

Another long term recapture of an impoundment Bass. Again this is one that has survived the lake reaching record low levels in the mid 1990s.



Tag details		Recapture details
Tag	J54360	
Species	Snapper (<i>Pagrus australis</i>)	
Date	17/7/99	24/11/01
Length	300mm	--
Location	Humpy Is	Unknown
Fisher	Craig Murphy	Unknown
Days Out	861	
Growth	--	
Movement	Unknown	
Released	Unknown	

This has been included even though there are no details of the recapture of the fish. This tag was found in debris washed up on the beach at 3 Rivers which is about 50km north of where the fish was tagged. The fish was also recaptured back on 15/11/99 at the place it was tagged so it is likely that it survived. Did someone catch the fish and toss away the tag? Did the fish shed the tag? How long ago? I guess we will never know but then what are the odds of finding a tag on a beach? Probably the same as finding a needle in a haystack! But it has happened before.



The Austag Sportfish Tagging Report for 2000/2001 is now available. It provides a summary of the ANSA tagging programs in each state including Suntag. At the end of 2000/01 a total of over 300,000 fish have been tagged in the Austag programs with over 24,000 recaptures.

Copies of the report have been distributed to ANSA members, fisheries agencies, researchers, fishing media etc. A limited number of reports remain. Should you like a copy of the report please send me an email.

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