

TAGGED BLUE CRABS

If caught, please report the following information to 1-800-624-2857 or www.crabtags.org:

- Tag number
- Capture date
- Capture location (GPS if possible)
- Egg mass/sponge color (if present)

Researchers at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (GCRL) in Ocean Springs, MS are tagging mature female blue crabs to better understand their migrations for the continued sustainability of the fishery. Crabs are being tagged both inshore (bays and estuaries) and offshore in all five Gulf states. If you catch a tagged crab, please report it. There is a \$5-50 reward for every reported tag, and a possible extra reward if the crab is frozen with the tag still attached. Frozen crabs will be picked up by a GCRL staff member. Extra rewards are available only for the first 500 crabs returned.



