

Great Amberjack Tagging Trip:

Imagine 36 hours on a boat in the Gulf of Mexico. I remember leaving the Jetty and thinking man I am tired. We left the university at 4 am and I didn't know what to expect for the trip. After being on the trip I grew an appreciation for the efforts HRI and many other universities, scientists and people make in settings like these. The Harte Research Institute is a part of the Greater Amberjack Count, our mission was to catch and tag the fish. Depending on size of the amberjack some were fitted with acoustic tags requiring a slice and a stitch on the underside of the fish while other ones were tagged with conventional tags. The tags emit signals unique to each fish and are recorded by underwater acoustic receivers.