

RI COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN TAUTOG TAGGING SURVEY

Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. All responses will be presented to the Tautog Management Board in an aggregate format as part of an evaluation of the tautog tagging program. Individual responses will not be identified.

1. Name: _____
2. RI Commercial License Number: _____
3. Primary fishing method for tautog? (Select one)
 - a. Hook and Line
 - b. Pots
 - c. Trawling
 - d. Other (please specify) _____
4. Approximately how many tags did you use in 2022? _____
5. Did you experience issues with the tags?
 - a. No
 - b. Yes, and I did not find a solution
 - c. Yes, but I found a solution
6. If answered yes to question 5, please describe your issue(s) and solution (if applicable) with the tags: _____

7. Did you use the National Band & Tag Applicator?
 - a. No
 - b. Yes
8. Did you experience issues with the National Band and Tag Applicator?
 - a. No
 - b. Yes, and I did not find a solution
 - c. Yes, but I found a solution
9. If answered yes to question 8, please describe your issue(s) and solution (if applicable) with the applicator: _____

10. Did you sell live tautog?

- a. Yes
- b. No

11. Did you use live storage?

- a. Yes
- b. No

12. If answered yes to question 11, what system of live storage?

- a. Flow-through water system
- b. Cage in open water system
- c. Closed tank system

13. How long did the fish stay in live storage prior to sale? _____

14. Did fish die from the tags?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Unsure

15. If fish died from the tags, what percentage died? (Select one)

- a. Less than 10%
- b. 11 – 25%
- c. 26 – 50%
- d. 51 – 75%
- e. >75%

16. Did the tags cause excessive damage to the tautog?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Unsure

17. What percentage of tagged tautog had excessive damage due to the tag insertion? (Select one)

- a. Less than 10%
- b. 11 – 25%
- c. 26 – 50%
- d. 51 – 75%
- e. >75%

18. What impact, if any, do you think the tagging program has on illegal harvest/black market tautog? _____

Please provide any additional feedback on the coastwide tautog tagging program:
