

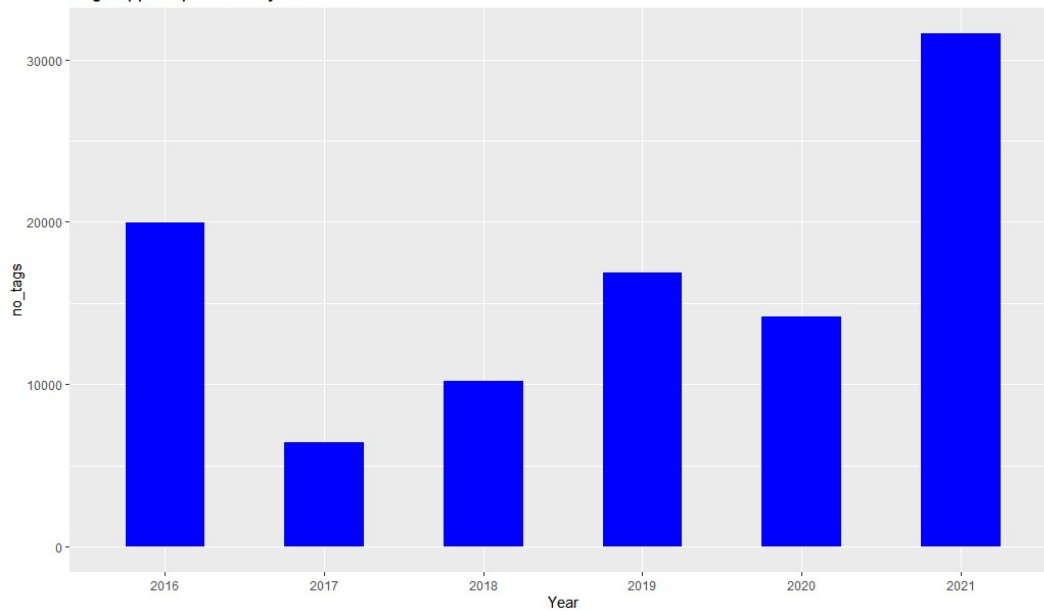


Review of 2021 Tagging Program First Field Season AFF 44

Total Number of Tags Applied Since the Project Commencement Date



Tags Applied per Year by the HSC



Tags were applied from four vessels and from two companies in 2021

- Lady Janice
- Sealife II
- Lady Melissa
- Morning Star

Year	No Tags
2016	19,941
2017	6,397
2018	10,204
2019	16,671
2020	14,196
2021	31,610
Total	99,019

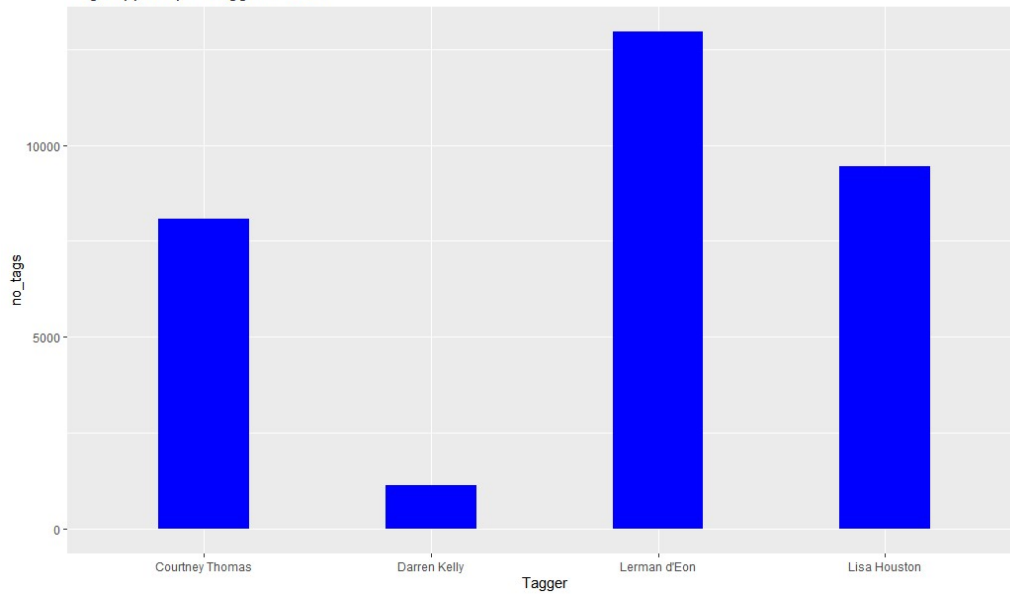
Taggers

- Courtney Thomas tagged aboard the Lady Janice
- Lerman d'Eon tagged aboard the Sealife II
- Darren Kelly/Jenna tagged aboard the Lady Melissa
- Lisa Houston tagged aboard the Morning Star

Tags Applied per Tagger



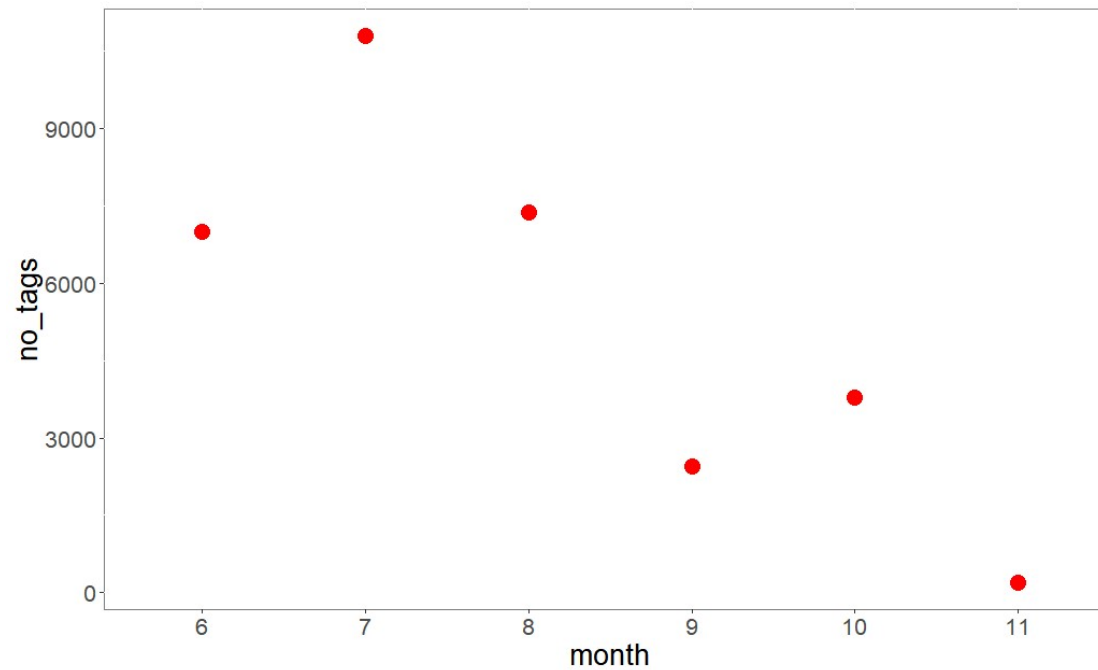
Tags Applied per Tagger in 2021



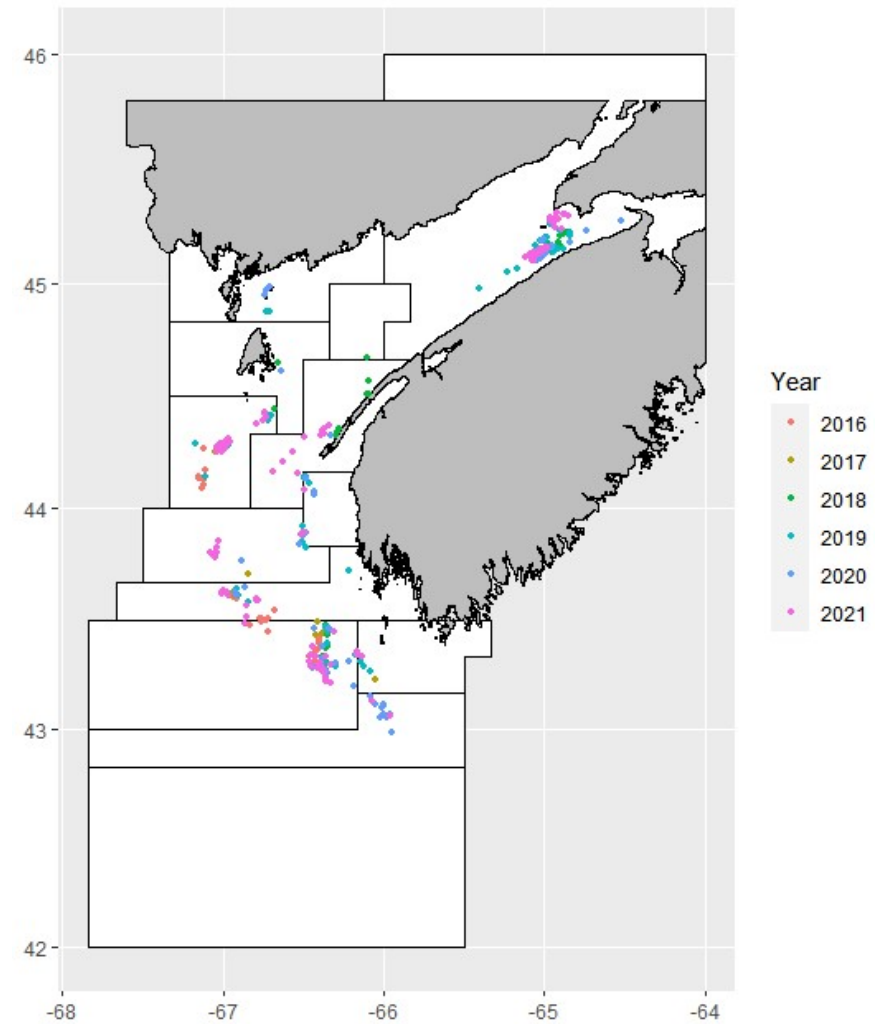
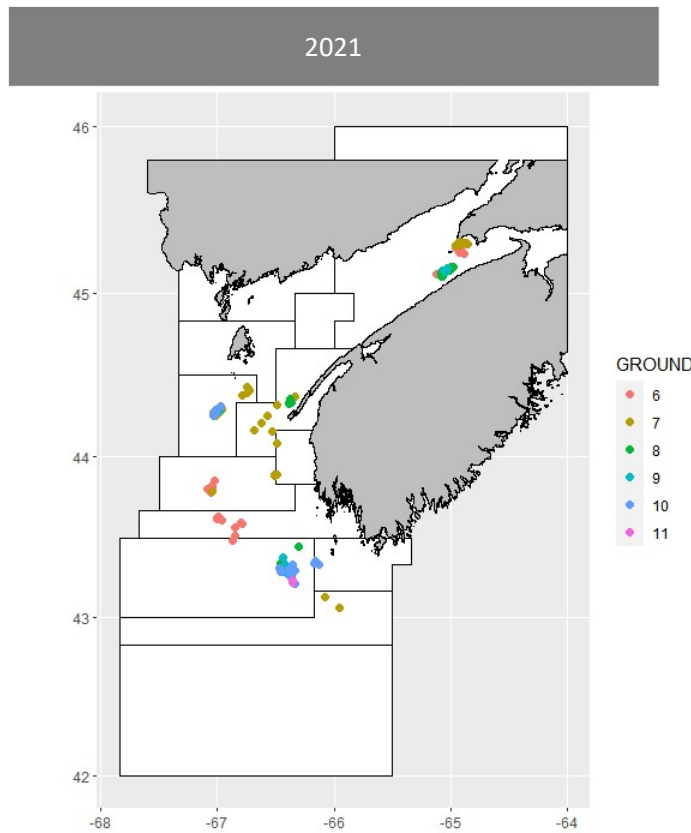
Year	Tagger	Number of Tags Applied
2018	Nicole Seamone	7,915
2019	Nicole Seamone	2,400
2020	Nicole Seamone	6,727
2021	Nicole Seamone	0
2018	Lisa Houston	2,383
2019	Lisa Houston	11,247
2020	Lisa Houston	6,002
2021	Lisa Houston	9,451
2019	Manon Holmes	2,394
2020	Emilie Knighton	1,567
2021	Darren Kelly	1,125
2021	Lerman d'Eon	12,955
2021	Courtney Thomas	8,079

Tagging Seasonality

- Most tags were applied in the spring/summer



In 2021; Yankee Bank, NB Coastal and Grand Manan did not have coverage



Issues that arose during the season

- Covid 19 protocols led to Nicole Seamone not tagging in 2021
- Personal/medical issues leading to reduced tagging in the second half of the season
- Slow down in number of successful sets after the juvenile allocation was reached



AFF 44 Funding

- Budget for tagging wages is \$145,080, reimbursement is 100%
- Project end date is September 30, 2023
- We have one (2022) and a half (2023) fishing seasons left to tag under the project
- I have asked our project officer to take some funds from the tagging wages and allocate to the technician salary (to be hired in 2023 to assist with analyses)
 - Was \$22,500 for 6 months (only \$45,000 salary) have asked to increase by \$7,875 to bring the amount to \$30,375 (equivalent to \$60,750 salary)
- This would bring the amount to spend to \$98,675 for tagging wages





2022 Season Funding

- In 2021 to apply 31,060 tags it cost \$38,530 or 80 cents a tag
- We have ~100,000 tags left
- At our current rate we will need at least 3 full seasons to apply the rest
- Can we increase the number of taggers aboard vessels in our 2022 season?
- Can other vessels take taggers that haven't in the past?
- If not, it is likely we will forgo a large chunk of this funding (~\$55,000) and if we want to apply all tags, will be paying for the labour ourselves past September 30, 2023