

# Tuttle Creek Fisheries

## Blue Catfish Tagging Study August 2016

A blue catfish tagging project has started this summer at Tuttle Creek Reservoir. The electrofishing boat is used to collect blue catfish and all of the fish will be weighed and measured. Any blue catfish over 14 inches will receive a yellow tag just behind the dorsal spine. Each tag has a unique number on it so each individual fish can be identified.



The blue catfish population at Tuttle Creek Reservoir is still fairly young. Most of the fish being tagged are between 16 to 22 inches. The largest fish tagged so far has been 27 inches and 8.3 pounds. Hopefully, we will be able to catch and tag some larger fish yet this summer.



As fish are recaptured over time, we will be able to determine how well the fish are growing since they were first tagged. The tagging study will also give us a better understanding of how far the fish are

swimming upstream of the lake and how many fish are migrating out of the lake downstream.

The yellow tags have information printed on both sides. On one side of the tag will be the tag number and a phone number. The other side of the tag will have an email address.



Any angler that catches one of these tagged fish is asked to report it to either the phone number on the tag, the email address or in person at the Tuttle Creek State Park Office. When reporting a tagged fish please give the tag number, the general location of where the fish was caught, the length of the fish, and if the fish was harvested or released.



Thank you in advance for anyone fortunate enough to catch one of these tagged blue catfish and sharing the information with me. With your assistance, we will have a better understanding of blue catfish population dynamics at Tuttle Creek.

For more information, contact me at

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