

\$500 REWARD

offered for pop-up satellite tags deployed on Atlantic cod

The Centre for Fisheries Ecosystems Research (CFER) of the Marine Institute of Memorial University of Newfoundland is conducting a study of cod movements through the use of pop-up satellite tags. These tags are attached to large cod via a backpack and tether and record information on fish location, depth, and temperature for up to one year.



CFER is asking commercial and recreational harvesters who encounter pop-up satellite tagged cod to follow these procedures:

1. Once the fish has been landed, carefully remove the tag by cutting the tether line attached. The backpack holding the tag in place can remain on the fish.
2. Keep the tag away from extreme temperatures and magnets that may damage stored data. Rewards will only be provided if the tag is in working condition.
3. Store the whole unprocessed fish on ice or freeze. Return of the fish will allow us to determine biological characteristics of the individual such as age, gender, and size.
4. Record the timing and location of capture.

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