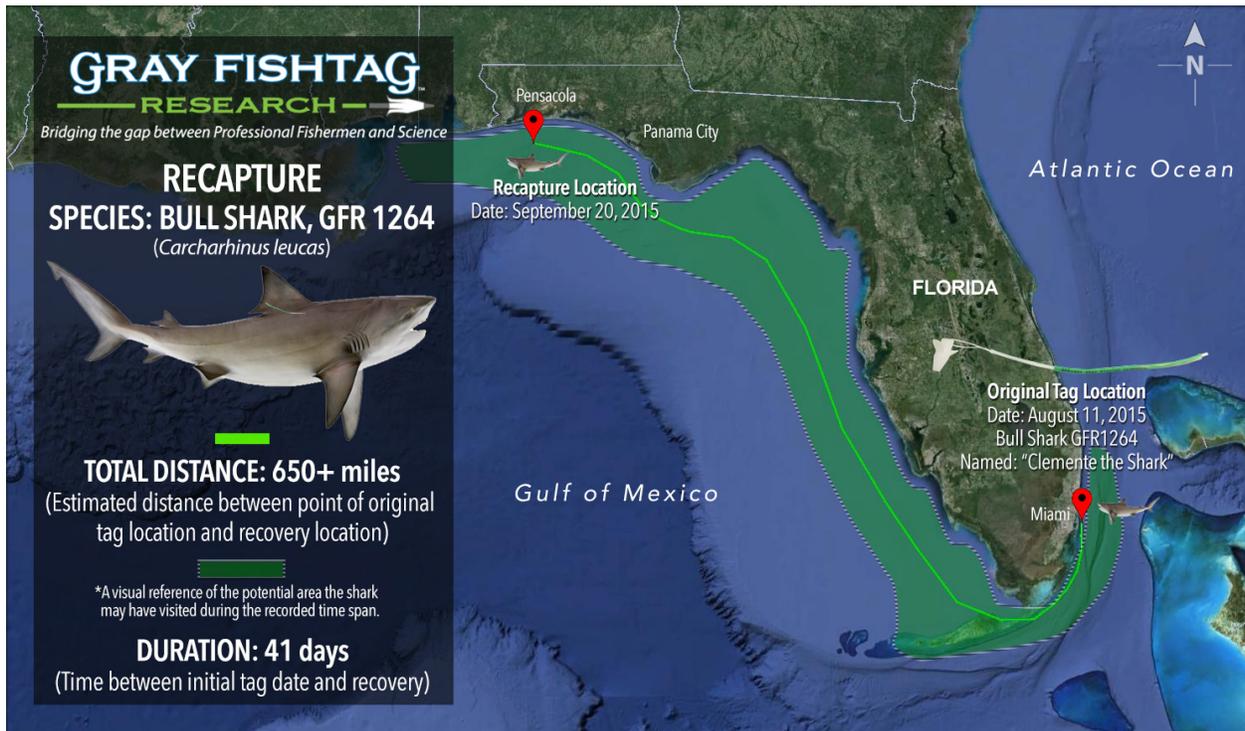


## Bull Shark Recapture GFR 1264 – Named “Clemente the Shark”

Sunday morning, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Steve Johnson and his wife Paula went out for a little snapper/grouper fishing in the northern Gulf of Mexico. When they got to their favorite spot, was covered up with boats. So Steve decided to try a new spot he heard about that was a little bit deeper. After having lines in the water for 30 minutes, Paula Johnson hooked up with a nice big Bull Shark. She fought the shark for about 15 minutes and once she got it to the boat, they saw the green Gray FishTag Research fish tag and realized that particular Bull Shark had been tagged as part of scientific research. Steve took a quick measurement and cut the tag out and they released the Bull Shark unharmed.



Paula Johnson had recaptured a Bull Shark (*Carcharhinus leucas*) that was originally tagged & released (Tag ID: GFR2812) by angler Jason Clemente on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 while fishing with

Captain Mike Rodriguez and Mate Keith aboard the charter boat *Therapy IV* out of Haulover Inlet in southeast Florida and was named "Clemente the Shark".

The Bull Shark was at liberty in the water for 41 days until it's recapture approximately 25 miles south of Pensacola, Florida in the northern Gulf of Mexico on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015. During that 41 day time span, the Bull Shark traveled over 650 miles from the waters off North Miami Beach to the waters offshore of Pensacola, Florida.

This Bull Shark tag recovery highlights an important partnership and collaborative effort between professional and recreational fishermen. The Bull Shark was originally tagged and registered by anglers with a charter fishing boat and subsequently recaptured and reported to Gray FishTag by a recreational fishermen. Collaborative fisheries science in action!!

The Gray FishTag Research program has been able to shatter the mold and record higher fish recapture rates thanks to the hard working professional fishermen on the water day in and day out.

The *Therapy IV* charter boat crew will receive some Gray FishTag gear for their tagging efforts. Angler Paula Johnson will receive a pair of Costa Del Mar sunglasses, a Tag & Recovery Certificate, and Gray FishTag gear for reporting the tag recovery.

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