

The lure of tarpon — the silver king — remains strong

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Anglers participating in this year's Suncoast Tarpon Roundup, a 10-week family-friendly catch-and-release tournament, will help state biologists better understand the migratory habits of this prized sport fish.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute and the Mote Marine Laboratory have an ongoing Tarpon Genetic Recapture Study, which is designed to shed more light on how tarpon survive after being caught and released.

Events of note

Suncoast Tarpon Roundup: A 10-week, multiple-division event, ongoing through July 18 in gulf and inland waters adjacent to Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee and Sarasota counties. Various divisions. The "hill tide" event is June 6 from 2 to 7 p.m. Information, www.suncoasttarponroundup.org.