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Don Lewis
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Dear Don Lewis,

Thank you for providing us with information about the tagged horseshoe crab you recovered. Information from tag returns along with other data will help us understand the status of horseshoe crab populations. Tag return data provides information about migration patterns, distribution, and abundance. This information is then used by state agencies to manage horseshoe crab populations along the Atlantic Coast.

In 1999, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service initiated a coast-wide tagging program at the request of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. Currently, horseshoe crabs are being tagged and released by researchers and biomedical companies along the Atlantic Coast as part of several ongoing studies.

The enclosed certificate contains the release information from our records as well as the recapture information that you provided to us about the tagged horseshoe crab you found. We have also enclosed general fact sheets on horseshoe crabs and shorebirds for your information. Feel free to visit our website for more information on our programs at <http://marylandfisheries.fws.gov>. The website also offers an online form if you wish to submit future tag recoveries electronically.

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service views public involvement as an important factor in the horseshoe crab tagging program. With your continued help, we can increase our understanding of these unique animals, and enhance our ability to maintain healthy horseshoe crab stocks. Thanks again!

Sincerely,

Sheila M. Eyler
Fishery Biologist