

iTAG newsletter

Integrated tracking of aquatic animals in the Gulf of Mexico

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2019

We hope this year is treating you well. We have had lots of exciting things going on and wanted to follow up to share them with you.

The Vemco discount is in!

2019 DISCOUNTS	iTAG Discount
Products	
69 kHz Transmitters (V7 to V16)	7%
69 kHz Sensor Transmitters (V7,V9,V13,V16)	3.0%
69 kHz Receivers (VR2W, VR2Tx, VR2AR, VMT)	8%
180 kHz Transmitters (V4, V5, V9)	SVD*
180 kHz Sensor Transmitters (V5,V7,V9)	SVD*
180 kHz Receivers (VR2W)	SVD*
VR1/VR2 PVC Receiver Upgrades	SVD*
VR2 DELRIN Receiver Upgrades	SVD*

* Standard Volume Discounts

Thanks to everyone who submitted expected purchases & the winner of our 12 days of iTAG Christmas raffle is.....

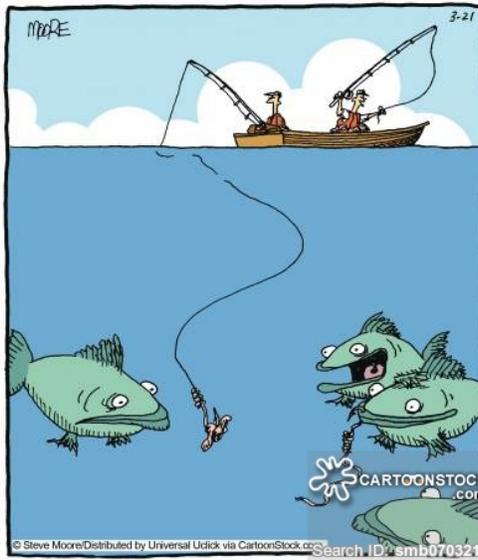
Kristen Wilkenson! Krysten, send us your mailing address & you'll receive your prize.



UPDATES

(1) We are developing the next meeting as a data analysis workshop (6/10-6/12 in St. Pete) to help pull together a series of papers that use iTAG data in some form. These will be published in a theme set. We are finalizing participants now and have 6-7 paper ideas. The format will be to integrate and QC data before the meeting and then work on the analysis at the meeting, with spatial statisticians and data analysts from OTN available for consultation. If you want to lead a paper/participate please email itag@myfwc.com ASAP.

(2) Thanks to everyone who got themselves off the naughty list. If you have not uploaded orphans for the year 2018, please do so by the end of March. At that point, we will assume you are no longer interested in being a member.



“Welcome to the frat, Todd! ... OK, Bob. Your turn. If you want to be a member, you’ve got to let him get you riiight up to the net before you snap the line.”

(4) There will also be a section to highlight publications related to iTAG and we would especially like to highlight papers which link movement and management.

Please send us citation information for papers that fit these criterion.



The Pub Report

Two theme sessions with papers of interest that now have all the contributing papers on-line:

Using telemetry for cross-ecosystem comparisons of animal behaviors in *Fisheries Research*

&

Plugging spatial ecology into sustainable fisheries and EBM in *ICES JMS*

(3) the iTAG website target launch date is 3/31/2019

This of course will be somewhat iterative, but it is coming together nicely and should be a great format to highlight the incredible work being done in the Gulf. The members portal is currently being designed (a prototype below) and there will be a public page where people can search for telemetry projects by PI, species, and whether tags are still active. To populate this we need members to please send the following (the first year to include is 2017)

1. iTAG array # where fish were tagged & released
2. species name (scientific & common)
3. Number of live tags per species
4. Year tags are predicted to become inactive or your study ends

