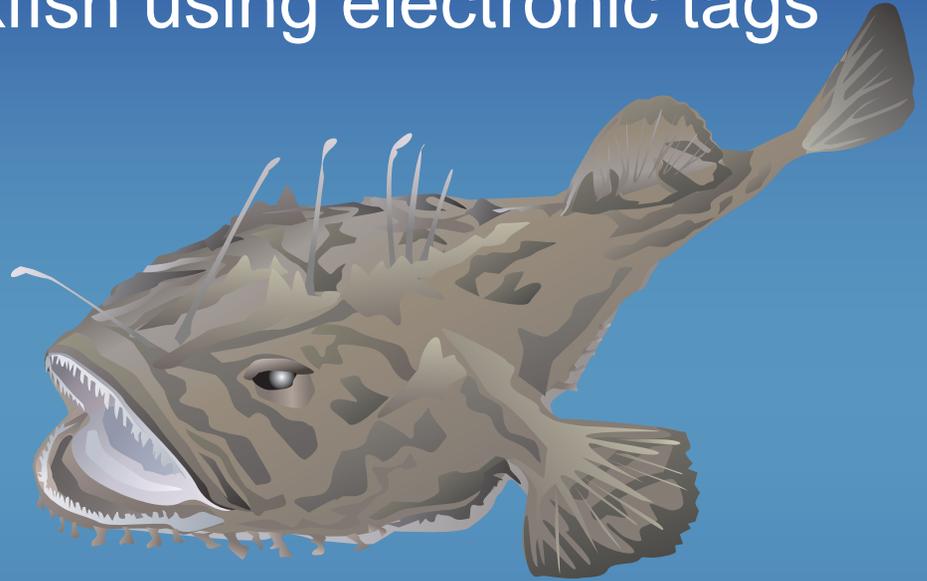


# Cooperative Monkfish Tagging Study

- Objectives: Tag monkfish using electronic tags to learn about:
  - Migration patterns
  - Habitat use
  - Age and growth
  - Behavior
- Collaborators:
  - Gulf of Maine Research Institute
  - NOAA Northeast Fisheries Science Center
  - U. Mass. School for Marine Science and Technology
  - Fishing Industry members



# The Tag



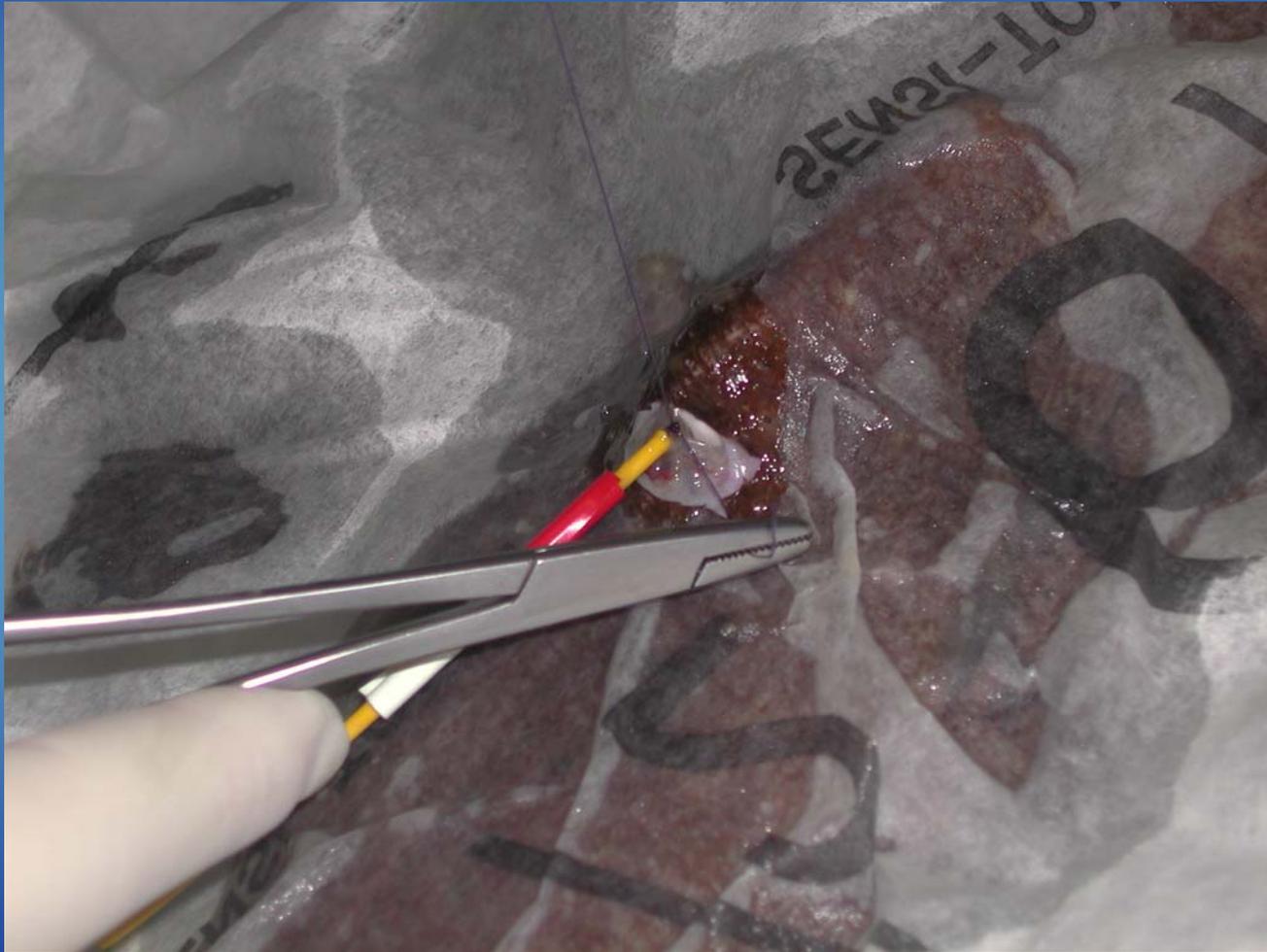
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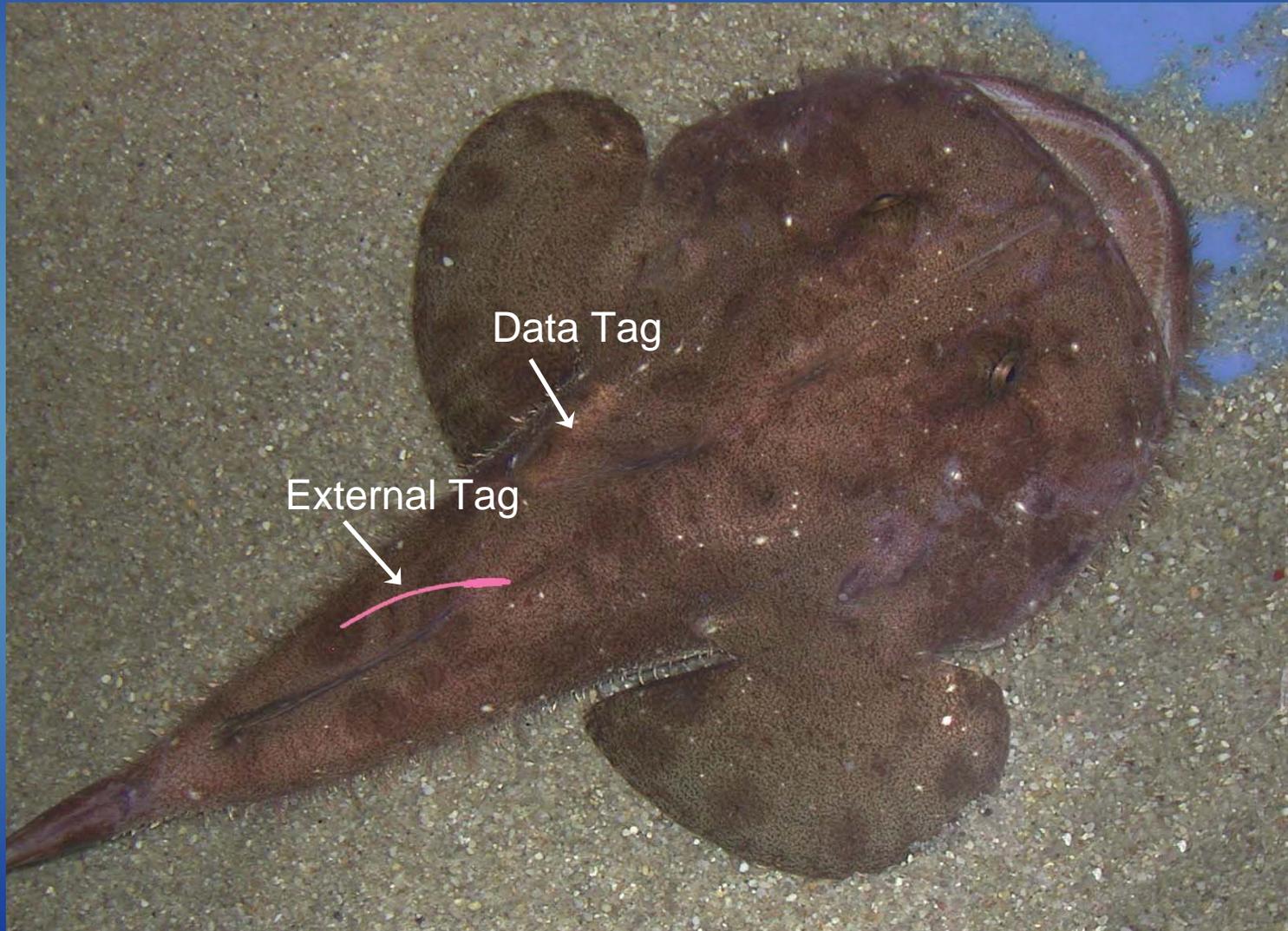
# Practicing



# Suturing the Tag in Place



# Tagged Monkfish



# Step 2: Tag and Release

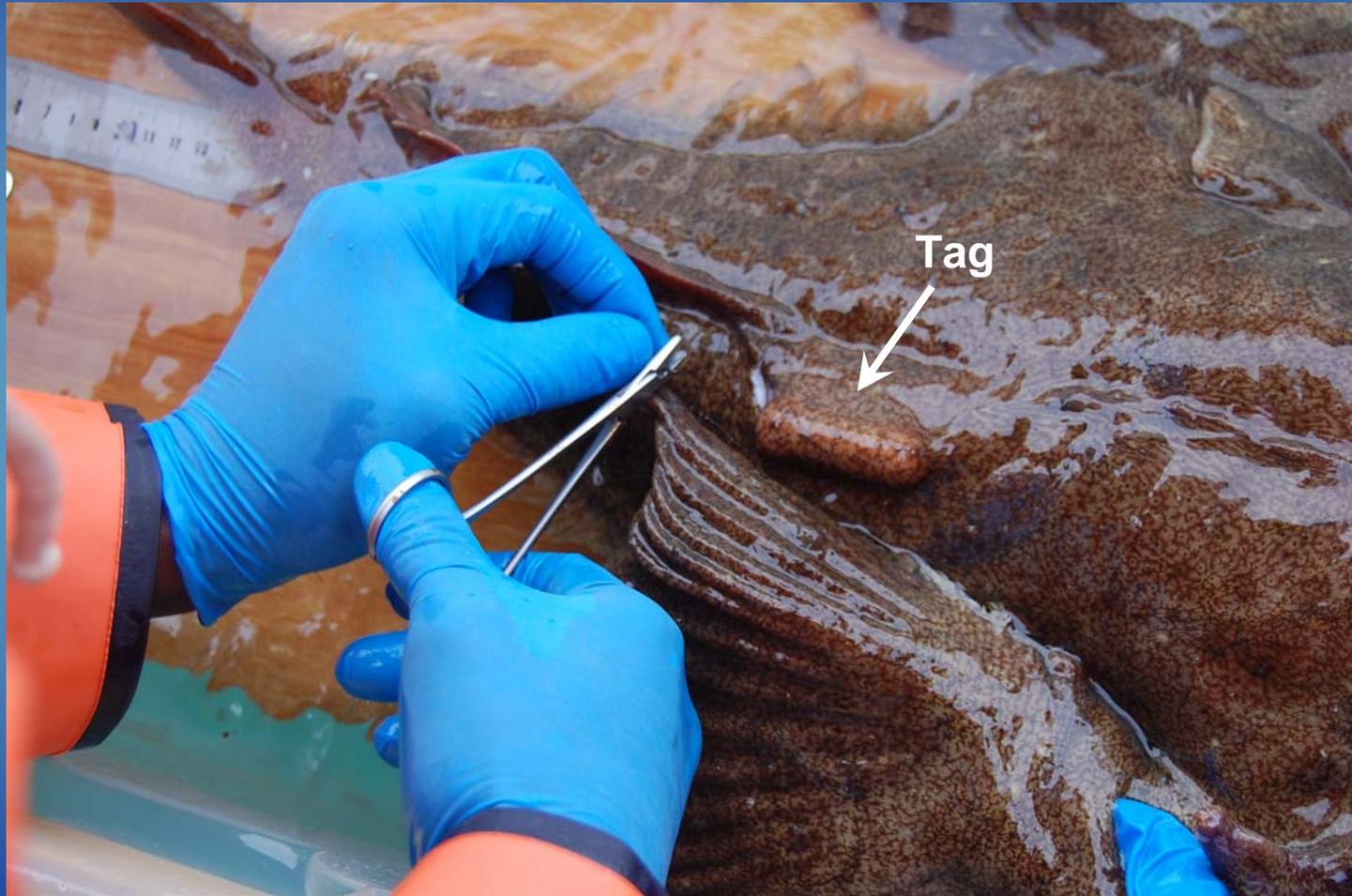


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# Tagging Box on Deck



# Tag Inserted



# Suturing Tag in Place



# Preparing External Tags



# Ready for Lift-off



# Back to the Sea



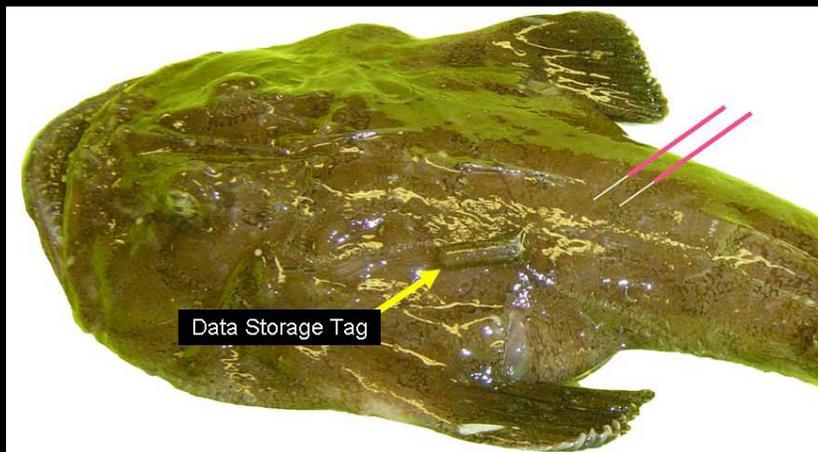
# Consulting with the Captain



# Done for the Day



Have you caught a monkfish with **pink** tags?  
If so, you are eligible for a...



**\$500 REWARD**

These fish have been implanted with electronic data storage tags to help us investigate large-scale monkfish movements and behaviors.

**To Claim Your Reward:**

You must **SAVE THE ENTIRE FISH\*** and report capture date and location.

**To report a tagged fish or for more information:**

visit: <http://www.gmri.org/tagging> or

<http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/read/popdy/TagReporting/TagReporting.htm>

email: [tagging@gmri.org](mailto:tagging@gmri.org) (subject: monkfish)

call toll-free: 1-866-447-2111

\*Please store the fish on ice or freeze if necessary.  
We will provide instructions for return of the fish upon contact.



RETURN  
WHOLE  
FISH  
&  
TAG  
FOR A  
\$500  
REWARD!