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Dear Capt Gary Giles,

As another tarpon season draws to a close, we are so uplifted by and grateful for the way the tarpon fishing community has come forward to assist with our research! We so very much appreciate the extra time and effort you invest to help build our tarpon DNA catalog. Thank you, Capt Gary!

Because of your efforts the 2008 tarpon DNA sampling year has produced the highest yield of samples returned to date... keep up the good work! Samples continue to arrive here at the lab in steady numbers every week. If you still have samples to be returned, please return them before 31 October 2008 to be eligible for great prizes and possible recognition in our winter newsletter. You may send your samples to:

FWRI Tarpon Genetics
100 8th Ave SE
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Or, if more convenient, you may drop off your samples at one of the collection centers listed on the Web at http://research.myfwc.com/features/view_article.asp?id=26619#list. Be sure to allow enough delivery time to get us your samples before the 31 October 2008 prize deadline. Just to be safe, why not send them today?!

If you still have unused kits, and the vials are at least 2/3 full of solution, you can keep them for use next season or during your next tarpon trip. There is no expiration date.

We will keep you informed of important developments but you can also email your questions at any time to TarponGenetics@MyFWC.com or visit the FWRI Tarpon web site listed below. Remember ...any tarpon, any size, from anywhere can be sampled for DNA at any time. Good fishing, tight lines, and may you land many!

Sincerely,

Kathy Guindon
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