

# Mississippi Gulf Fishing Banks, Inc.

## Activity Report for the Period November 13, 2014 thru February 12, 2015

### Activity Summary

During this period there was two trips to FAD2 on the Jumbo Barge in FH-7. During the October 29 deployment, it a leak was noticed and it was feared that there may be a failure. On November 29 an attempt was made to visit the unit, but poor conditions resulted in failing to locate it. On February 7, another attempt was made that successfully located the unit and found it still functional.

### **141029 FAD2 Visit**

**Video:** <http://youtu.be/vDXfC6vx51c>

**Position:** Attached to Bow of FH-7 Jumbo Barge 29°36.870'N / 88°24.593'W 130'Depth

**Gallery:** [http://gallery.primofish.com/2015/Charters/150207\\_MP264\\_Jason\\_Jones\\_Paul\\_Luke/](http://gallery.primofish.com/2015/Charters/150207_MP264_Jason_Jones_Paul_Luke/)

FAD2 was deployed in FH-7 on [October 29, 2014](#). During Deployment a small air leak was noticed and it had been feared that the unit had failed. A small FAD unit was constructed to act as a float to give the unit buoyancy. On November 29 an attempt was made to attach it, but poor visibility and high current caused us to miss the Barge on our descent. It was deemed unsafe and the repair attempt was aborted. On January 17, another trip was made and an initial dive was made on nearby platform MP166 to see where the murk layer was located. With it being at about 80 feet of depth, we did not make an attempt to repair FAD2. On February 7, another trip was made and successfully located FAD2 and found it to be still functioning. The repair FAD was not utilized, but air was added to FAD2 to reenforce it's buoyancy. The unit was found to be attracting a nice school of juvenile Greater Amberjacks but no bait fish, probably due to the colder temperatures. The 11 foot long FAD was situated between 63 and 74 feet in the 130 foot water column. Barnacles and other marine fouling was quite evident on the 3 month old unit. Some observations were made on the Jumbo Barge as well, but poor visibility at the Barge itself hampered efforts. Healthy schools of Red Snapper and juvenile Amberjack were seen as well as a couple game sized Mangrove Snapper.

