

Invasive Catfish Task Force
Small Team Work
September-October 2013

- **Identify priority tributaries for pilot catfish removal programs**
 - Explain how tributaries are selected, protocol and approach for removals, preliminary results, and future feasibility
 - Lessons learned from 2013 pilot projects
 - Team Leads: Greg Garman and Bob Greenlee
 - Mary Groves
 - Mary Fabrizio
 - Product – summary of 2013 projects addressing items listed above

- **Identify and analyze available fisheries dependent data for catfish**
 - Incorporate species specific catfish landing data from jurisdictions to establish better knowledge and track distribution and total catches.
 - Landings to be incorporated by use regional codes used by check in stations in each Jurisdiction.
 - Step 1: Obtain data from each jurisdiction
 - Step 2: Use these data to evaluate, augment, and update current distribution maps and portal.
 - Team Leads: Andrew Turner, Joe Grist, Ellen Cosby(PRFC), and Nancy Butowski
 - Geoff Smith
 - Bob Greenlee
 - Matt Fisher
 - Mary Groves
 - Greg Garman
 - Product - updated 2013 distribution map(s)

- **Finalize public messaging and developing associated communication materials**
 - Agree on language to publish in upcoming fishing guides and develop consistent messaging materials for all jurisdiction websites.
 - Obtain specific policy and citation information for each jurisdiction
 - Goals: Mitigate spread, invasive species education, increase awareness, increase transparency of penalties, create a “one stop shop”.
 - Team Lead: Andrew Turner
 - Bruce Vogt
 - Work with jurisdictional leads
 - Product - fact sheet and/or text to be added to jurisdiction webpages

- **Update science findings and consider implications for management**
 - Ensure all science findings referenced in the draft report are up to date and are considered for management implications
 - Team Lead: Mary Fabrizio
 - Rob Hale
 - Product – updated science section of the report with another review of the management implications

- **Complete the Invasive Catfish Report**
 - Review existing draft and develop plan to address gaps or missing information
 - Develop a plan for finalizing and publishing the report including a peer review process and final Task Force endorsement
 - Team Lead: Bruce Vogt
 - Nancy Butowski
 - Ellen Cosby
 - Emilie Franke
 - Mike Hutt and Steve Vilnit (marketing section of the report)
 - Mary Groves (current management section of the report)
 - Product – updated, complete draft ready for peer review by identified experts and groups

- **Plan listening sessions with watermen and catfish experts/scientists from other regions for the fall Task Force meeting**
 - Reach out to local fishermen to attend our meeting and discuss their experience with catfish (three categories): 1) commercial operations targeting catfish, 2) recreational guides, 3) commercial operators targeting other species and impacted by presence of catfish
 - Reach out to scientists and managers outside the Bay region for lessons learned and advice
 - Team Lead: Emilie Franke
 - Andrew Turner
 - Product – an informative panel of local watermen and experts from other regions at the in-person Task Force meeting