

Invasive Catfish Task Force
Meeting Agenda for October 30, 2013
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Potomac River Fisheries Commission – Colonial Beach Virginia

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| 10:00 am | Welcome and Introduction – Bruce Vogt (Task Force Chair) |
| 10:15 am | 2013 Pilot Removals – Greg Garman (VCU) and Bob Greenlee (VDGIF)
Report on the 2013 pilot removal projects and preliminary results. Explain the feasibility of future projects, how tributaries would be selected, and lessons learned from these pilot projects. |
| 10:45 pm | Catfish Spatial Modeling – Mejs Hasan (NOAA) and Howard Townsend (NOAA)
Update on the catfish modeling work from the NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office including habitat volume and spatial modeling work. |
| 11:15 pm | Fisheries Dependent Data Compilation – Andrew Turner (NOAA)
Inform the Task Force of plans to compile catfish commercial landings data to add to the current invasive catfish distribution map. |
| 11:30 pm | Public Messaging
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Present the final language agreed to by the jurisdictions that explains the invasive nature of blue and flathead catfish and summarizes jurisdictional fishing regulations for these species.2) Present recommendations on where to include this information on invasive catfish on jurisdiction websites |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch |
| 12:30 pm | Science Updates
Brief updates from Task Force members on research progress, anticipated results, and any updates from jurisdictions. |
| 1:30 pm | Invasive Catfish Action Plan Draft
Review the current draft of the Task Force’s Action plan to address sections missing information, science updates, management implications, and peer review process. |
| 2:15 pm | Management Recommendations
Review, sharpen, and prioritize management recommendations. |
| 3:15 pm | Task Force End Products
Discuss the outcomes and potential products that represent the accomplishments of the Task Force (action plan, awareness, Catfish Portal, communicating research, etc.) |
| 3:45 pm | Wrap Up and Next Steps
Discuss presentation to the full GIT at the December meeting. |
| 4:00 pm | Adjourn |