



Invasive Catfish Workgroup Meeting: Spring 2025

Tuesday, May 27 | 10:00am - 4:00pm

Video Conference Information

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Location: 200 Harry S Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401 (Meeting Room 108)

Date & Time: May 27th @ 10:00am - 4:00pm

General Info

Meeting goal: Provide updates to the Invasive Catfish Workgroup related to ICW small groups as well as on the most recent science related to blue and flathead catfish. Hold space to discuss the role of the ICW and future direction of our collective work.

Meeting objectives: Update ICW members. Information sharing. Discussion on how to improve the work of the ICW.

Meeting Materials:

All meeting materials are posted on our [calendar webpage](#).



Participant Agenda

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| 10:00am - 10:15am | Introduction & Opening Remarks (<i>Bruce Vogt, NOAA and Fish GIT</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History & accomplishments of the ICW Agenda overview |
| 10:15am - 11:00 am | Policy Small Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction - (<i>Allison Colden, CBF</i>) Blue Catfish Bill Update (<i>Allie Cavanagh, Congresswoman Sarah Elfreth (MD-03)</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion |
| 11:00am - 11:45am | Commercial Fishing/ Processing/ Marketing Small Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial fishing/processing/marketing updates (<i>Matt Scales, MDA</i>) VA Blue Catfish Workgroup updates (<i>Mike Schwarz, VT</i>) "Bay to Table: Expanding the commercial fishery for blue catfish in the Chesapeake Bay" (<i>Shelby White VIMS</i>) Discussion |
| 11:45am - 12:45pm | Lunch Break |
| 12:45pm - 2:00pm | Management Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VA Updates (<i>Alexa Galvan, VMRC</i>) MD updates (<i>Branson Williams, MDNR</i>) PA updates (<i>Geoff Smith, PFBC</i>) DC updates (<i>Rese Cloyd & Danny Ryan, DOEE</i>) PRFC updates (<i>Ingrid Braun-Ricks, PRFC</i>) Invasive Blue Catfish Science Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Population Dynamics, Assessment and Management Tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Design of population monitoring and modeling to evaluate potential management actions for invasive blue catfish in Maryland" (<i>Ellen Robertson, USGS EESC</i>) |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "Now Underway: Co-produced Research to Control Invasive Blue Catfish in Chesapeake Bay" (<i>Tom Ihde, Morgan State University</i>) ○ "Management strategy evaluation to assess trade-offs associated with invasive Blue Catfish fisheries and predation impacts" (<i>Corbin Hilling, USGS</i>) ● Control Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "Project update: Blue catfish movement in the tidal James River" (<i>Margi Whitmore, VA DWR</i>) |
| 2:00pm - 2:15pm | 15 minute Break |
| 2:15 pm - 3:30pm | <p>Invasive Blue Catfish Science Updates (continued):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ecological Impacts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "Trophic ecology and diet of Blue Catfish in the Nanticoke River" (<i>Noah Bressman, Salisbury University</i>) ● Socio-economic Impacts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "Recreational Angler Spending Related to the Blue Catfish Harvest Fishery" (<i>Scott Knoche, Morgan State University</i>) ○ "Unlocking Connections: Using Social Science to Meet Fishing Community Needs" (<i>Veronica Malabanan Lucchese, NERTO</i>) ● Fishery/Market Developments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "Updates on Blue Catfish Health Assessments from the Patuxent River" (<i>Heather Walsh, USGS EESC</i>) ○ "Edible invasive initiative" (<i>Pat Hudson, Tilghman Island Seafood</i>) <p>Invasive Flathead Catfish Science Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Population Dynamics and Ecological Impacts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "Multidisciplinary research update for Flathead Catfish in the Susquehanna River Basin" (<i>Geoff Smith, PFBC</i>) |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ “Dietary preferences of invasive flathead catfish in the District of Columbia” (<i>Luke Lyon, DOEE</i>) |
| 3:30pm - 4:00pm | <p>Discussion: the future of the ICW (<i>Bruce Vogt, NOAA & Fish GIT</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Understanding research gaps & next steps<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Information on ecological impacts of blue catfish?○ Baywide population & population reduction needed to mediate ecological impacts?○ How to summarize or quantify what we know?● Engaging recreational fishing● Role of the ICW moving forward● Small group chair follow-up |
| 4:00pm | Recap and Next Steps |