



Invasive Catfish Workgroup Meeting - October 2025

Thursday October 16th 2025

9:30am - 12:30pm

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Purpose: The purpose of this meeting is to reconvene ICW members, provide updates related to invasive catfish, facilitate information sharing, and discuss future next steps.

Agenda

- I. Introduction & Opening Remarks** **9:30am – 9:45am**
Introduction to the purpose and goals of today’s meeting. Brief update on Beyond 2025 and future of ICW.

Lead: Bruce Vogt (NOAA)

Materials: TBD
- II. Policy Updates** **9:45am – 10:05am**
Updates regarding invasive catfish policy across jurisdictions and discussion on the MAWS Act.

Requested Action: Non-decisional

Lead: Brent Hunsinger (FOR)
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| MD Policy Updates (<i>Branson Williams, MDNR</i>) | 9:45am - 9:55am |
| VA Policy Updates (<i>Mike Bednarski, VADWR</i>) | 9:55am - 10:05am |
- Materials: TBD
- III. Commercial Fishing/Processing/Marketing Updates** **10:05am – 10:50am**
Marketing and processing updates, specifically around the VA Invasive Catfish Marketing Work Group Report, catfish nonprofit, Fish Consumption Advisory, processing capacity, and standards for MSC certification.

Requested Action: Non-decisional

Lead: Bruce Vogt (NOAA)
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| Fish Consumption Advisory (<i>Amy Laliberte, MDE</i>) | 10:05am - 10:10am |
| Catfish Nonprofit Discussion (<i>Norman McCowan, TIS</i>) | 10:10am - 10:20am |
| VA Marketing Workgroup Report (<i>Michael Schwartz, VT</i>) | 10:20am - 10:30am |
| Processing Capacity Update (<i>Mike Hutt, VMRC</i>) | 10:30am - 10:40am |
| MSC Certification (<i>Anthony Mastitski, MSC</i>) | 10:40am -10:50am |
- Materials: TBD
- IV. Break** **10:50am – 10:55am**
- V. Science & Management Updates** **10:55am – 12:05pm**
Information sharing of most recent updates within invasive catfish science and management, including an overview of newly released ICW Project Tracker, and population dynamics, modeling and decision tool sub-team report out.

Requested Action: Non-decisional

Lead: Branson Williams (MDNR)

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| ICW Project Tracker Overview (<i>Christina Garvey, CRC</i>) | 10:55am - 11:05am |
| Science & Management Sub-Team (<i>Branson Williams, DNR</i>) | 11:05am - 11:15am |
| Socio-Ecological Networks (<i>Veronica Malaban Lucchese</i>) | 11:15am - 11:25am |
| Maryland Updates (<i>Branson Williams, MDNR</i>) | 11:25am - 11:35am |
| Virginia Updates (<i>Margi Whitmore, VADWR</i>) | 11:35am - 11:45am |
| D.C. Updates (<i>TBD</i>) | 11:45am - 11:55am |
| Pennsylvania Updates (<i>TBD</i>) | 11:55am - 12: 05pm |

Materials: TBD

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| VI. Recap & Next Steps | 12:05pm – 12:30pm |
| Lead: Bruce Vogt (NOAA) | |

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| VII. Adjourn | 12:30pm |
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Next Meeting: TBD