

Virginia: Catfish Management Update

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Annual catfish monitoring

July 2025: Rappahannock (14), Mattaponi (5), and Pamunkey (5)

More precipitation = high water = fish spread out

Potential preference for lower temperature upstream



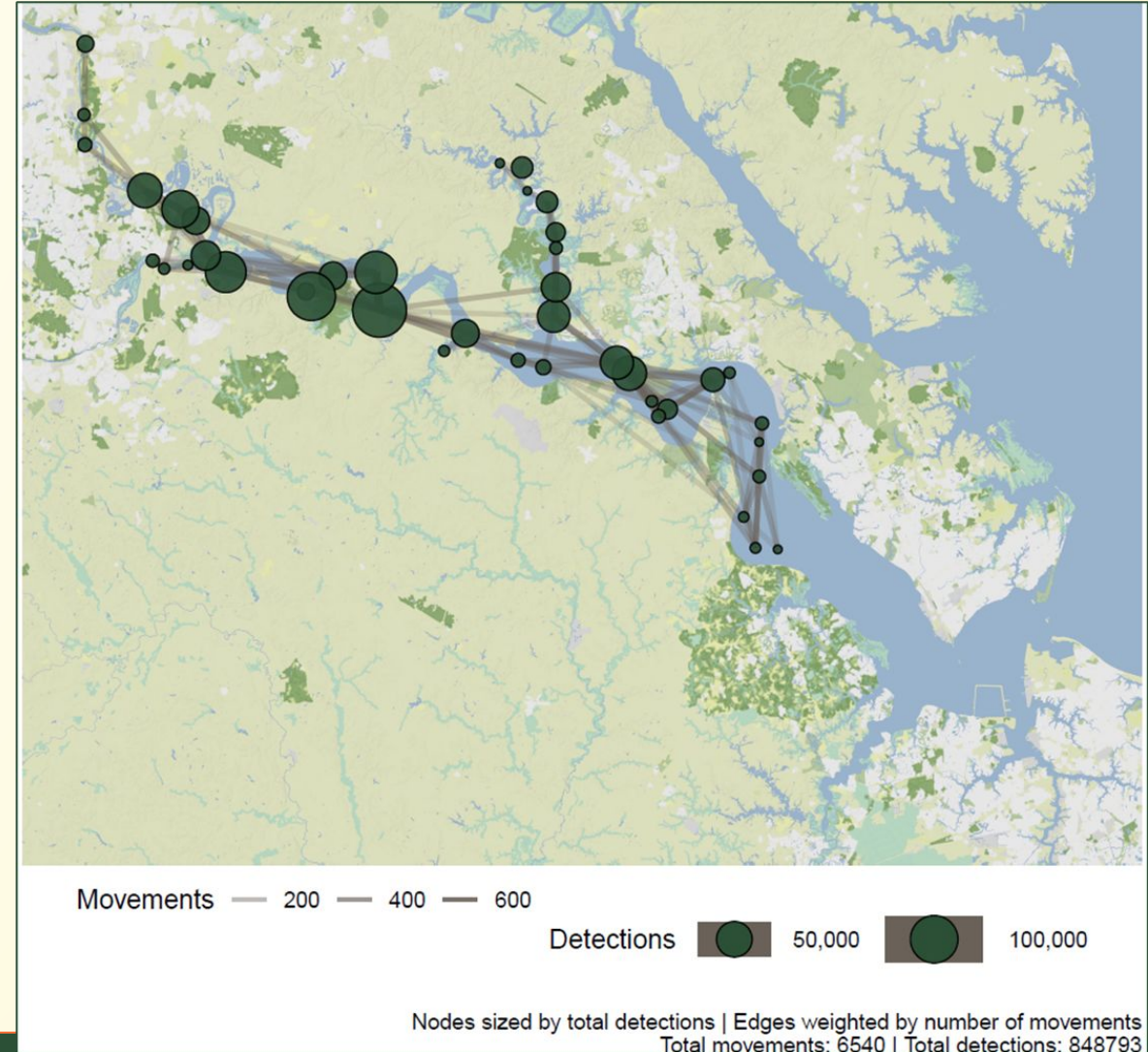
Blue catfish movement project

Goal: identify aggregation areas & environmental/biological predictors of movement

Continued passive and active acoustic data collection

Receivers deployed in lower James River tributaries: Warwick, Chuckatuck, and Nansemond

Future deployment at Boshers Dam



VMRC Update

VMRC met with their advisory committee in August about a potential commercial catfish hook and line license for commercial watermen to increase access and removals. This would be a proposal for 2026 and if anyone has questions, you can reach out to Alexa Galvan.

