



Fall Invasive Catfish Workgroup Meeting - October 2026

October 27, 2026
10:00am - 3:00pm

In-Person Location:

Potomac River Fisheries Commission Office
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Purpose: This meeting will convene the members of the Invasive Catfish Workgroup to discuss updates from each small group (Commercial Fishing/Processing/Marketing, Policy, & Science and Management), hear from experts regarding the latest science on invasive catfish in the Bay, and discuss next steps for the ICW.

Agenda

- I. Introductions** **10:00am – 10:15am**
Quick introductions and overview of the ICW
- Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Bruce Vogt (NOAA)
- II. Chesapeake Bay Program Updates** **10:15am - 10:25am**
Updates regarding structural changes at the Chesapeake Bay Program and the role of the ICW
- Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Bruce Vogt (NOAA)
Materials: N/A
- III. Updates from ICW Small Group Chairs** **10:25am – 12:15pm**
Hear from ICW small group chairs regarding updates, accomplishments, challenges, and priorities for the coming year from each small group, followed by discussion.
- Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Bruce Vogt (NOAA)
Materials: N/A
- Commercial Fishing/Processing/Marketing Small Group (Christina Garvey, CRC)
 - Policy Small Group (Allison Colden, CBF)
 - Science & Management Small Group (Tom O'Connell, USGS)
- IV. Lunch** **12:15pm – 1:00pm**
- V. Management & Research Updates** **1:00pm - 2:50pm**
Opportunity to hear from experts regarding management updates and the best available science in relation to invasive catfish in the Chesapeake Bay
- Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Bruce Vogt (NOAA)
Materials: N/A
- **1:00pm - 1:10pm** MD Management Update (Branson Williams, MDNR)
 - **1:10pm - 1:20pm** VA Management Update (Margi Whitmore, VDWR)
 - **1:20pm - 1:30pm** D.C. Management Update (Luke Lyon, DOEE)
 - **1:30pm - 1:40pm** PA Management Update (TBD)
 - **1:40pm - 1:45pm** ICW Project Tracker Updates (Christina Garvey, CRC)
 - **1:45pm - 2:00pm** Blue Catfish Management Modeling Project (Tom Ihde, MSU)
 - **2:00pm - 2:20pm** 2026 Blue Crab Stock Assessment (Mike Wilberg, UMCES)

- **2:20pm - 2:30pm** Fish tagging studies (Wilmelie Cruz Marrero, NOAA)
- **2:30pm - 2:40pm** Invasive Catfish Socioecological Network (Veronica Lucchese, UMCES)

VI. Wrap-Up & Next Steps **2:50pm - 3:00pm**

Review the key takeaways from the meeting and discuss next steps for the ICW.

Requested Action: Non-decisional

Lead: Bruce Vogt (NOAA)

Materials: N/A

VII. Adjourn **3:00pm**