



Invasive Catfish Workshop

January 29-30, 2020

VCU Rice Rivers Center
3701 John Tyler Memorial Hwy
Charles City, VA 23030

Agenda

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

9:00 Welcome and Introductions

Bruce Vogt (NOAA)

Purpose: To bring together stakeholders to develop collaborative solutions that address workgroup objectives and contribute to a management strategy that will guide state management plans.

Workgroup Objectives: To coordinate, synthesize, and communicate scientific research on the ecological and economic impacts of invasive catfish in Chesapeake Bay, and develop a science-based management strategy that balances the economic interests of commercial and recreational fisheries with Chesapeake Bay ecosystem health.

9:30 Setting the Stage

Updates from each stakeholder group, focusing on their current position with respect to the invasive catfish issue and their highest priority needs in developing a solution.

Science (12 min/person, 12 min QA) – Matt Ogburn (SERC), Mary Fabrizio (VIMS), Greg Garman (VCU), Corbin Hilling (VT)

Stakeholder Panels (4 min/person, 5 min QA)

Management – Marty Gary (PRFC), Mary Groves (MDNR), Mike Bednarski (VDGIF), Alexa Kretsch (VMRC), Danny Ryan (DOEE), Johnny Moore (DNREC), Geoffrey Smith (PFBC)

Fisheries – Mike Ostrander (Discover the James), Gary Lengerhuis (Recreational), Rocky Rice (Commercial)

Processing – Pat Welsh (Reliant Fish Co.), Barbara Dwyer (USDA)

Marketing – Wendy Stuart (Wide Net Project), Mike Hutt (VA Marine Products Board)

Conservation – Chris Moore (CBF), Robert Gray (Pamunkey Tribe), Andy Lacatell (TNC)

Other – Cathy Liu (MDSG), Bob Fisher (VASG), Sean Rafferty (PASG), Christine Densmore (USGS)

12:00 Lunch (provided)

1:00 Highest Stakeholder Needs

Group discussion about each stakeholder group's highest priority needs and biggest challenges. This will provide focus for the remainder of the workshop.

2:00 Challenges to Success

Break out into stakeholder groups to identify factors that are limiting the group's ability to meet their needs. This can include science, policy, communication, and/or financial barriers. A spokesperson from each stakeholder group will report out to the full group for further discussion.

3:30 Break

3:45 Opportunities to Address Challenges

Group discussion to identify actions to address the science, policy, communication, and/or financial challenges identified in the previous session. What opportunities are there to fill gaps?

5:00 Adjourn

Thursday, January 30, 2020

- 9:00 Recap Day 1 and Day 2 Overview**
Bruce Vogt (NOAA)
- 9:30 Incorporating Solutions into Management**
Managers will have an opportunity to discuss management planning processes and how solutions proposed by the workgroup could be used to inform management plans for invasive catfish.
- 10:10 Collaborative Solutions and Strategies Part 1**
Break out into multi-stakeholder groups to brainstorm SMART solutions and strategies that address invasive catfish issues and benefit multiple stakeholders.
- 11:00 Break**
- 11:10 Collaborative Solutions and Strategies Part 2**
Continue multi-stakeholder group discussions to develop SMART solutions and strategies that address invasive catfish issues and benefit multiple stakeholders.
- 12:00 Lunch** (provided)
- 1:00 Collaborative Solutions and Strategies Part 3**
A spokesperson from each group will report out their SMART solutions and strategies. The full workgroup will then discuss which solutions and strategies to pursue/recommend.
- 2:10 Taking Action**
Group discussion to identify next steps for implementing solutions and strategies, and to determine if there are other stakeholders or interested parties that we could collaborate with to achieve success.
- 3:00 Wrap Up**
- 3:30 Adjourn**