

# INVASIVE CATFISH IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED

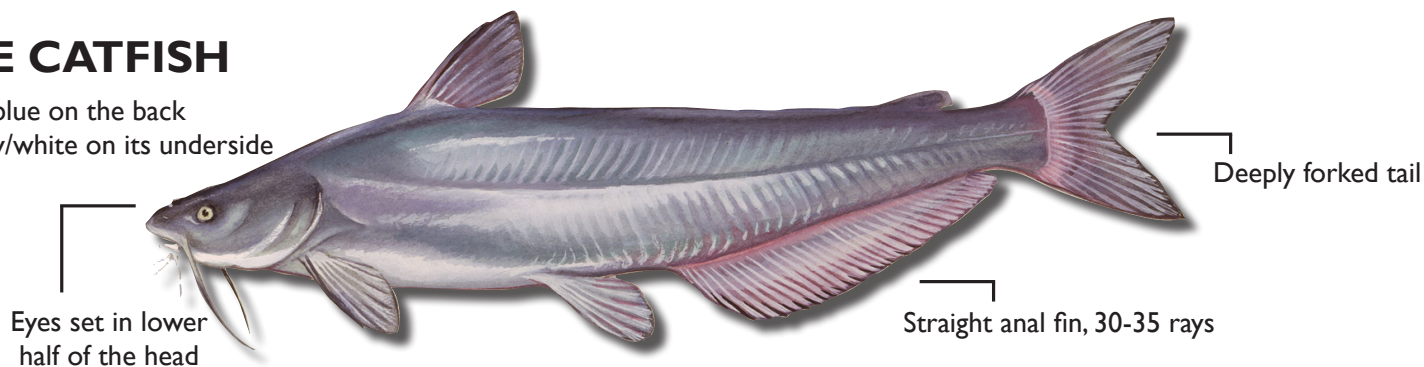
## FLATHEAD CATFISH

- Can grow as long as 4 Feet
- Dark brown to tan



## BLUE CATFISH

- Slate blue on the back
- Silvery/white on its underside



## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- The department asks anglers to keep any blue and flathead catfish they catch.
- Catch and release of these fish is discouraged, as they are invasive top predators and pose a serious long-term threat to our native species.

**IN MARYLAND, IT IS ILLEGAL TO TRANSPORT LIVE BLUE AND FLATHEAD CATFISH INTO ANOTHER BODY OF WATER.**

**VIOLATORS CAN BE FINED UP TO \$2,500.**

For more information on Maryland's blue and flathead catfish policy, please visit [dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/catfish.aspx](http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/catfish.aspx) or scan the QR Code to the right with your cell phone camera.



**To report illegal transport or unauthorized introductions of invasive species please contact the Natural Resources Police at 800-628-9944.**