

## **CATFISHES**

(06/03 ARCHIVE - NCDMF)

**Stock Status**--*Unknown* - DMF has not had a directed sampling program since 1980, due to budget and personnel constraints. Data are insufficient to evaluate status.

**Average Commercial Landings and Value 1993-2002**--880,419 lb, \$226,590

**2002 Commercial Landings and Value**-- 367,071 lb, \$95,102

**Average Recreational Landings 1993-2002 and 2002**--Unknown

**Status of Fisheries Management Plan**-- No state or federal plan.

**Research and Data Needs**-- All types of Fishery Dependent and Independent Data

**Historical and Current Minimum Size Limit**--None

**Size and Age at Maturity**-- White and channel catfish--7-12 inches, 3-4 years old; Bullheads- 8-10 inches, 3 years old

**Historical Maximum Age**-- 20 years old

**Indices of Juvenile Abundance**-- Unknown

**Habits/Habitats**-- Spawning occurs from late March through June depending on the species, in rivers and creeks. Eggs are laid in nests. Males of some species protect the young once hatching occurs. Juveniles utilize the rivers and sounds as a nursery area, within the same area as adults.

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