

CATFISHES

(06/00 ARCHIVE - NCDMF)

Stock Status--*Unknown* - DMF has not had a directed sampling program since 1980.

Average Commercial Landings and Value 1987-1999--1,074,991 lb, \$232,398

1999 Commercial Landings and Value-- 729,249 lb, \$205,601

Average Recreational Landings 1987-1999 and 1999--Unknown

Average Number of Citations 1987-1999 and 1999--N/A

Status of Fisheries Management Plan- No state or federal plan. DMF does not currently have a catfish assessment program. Data are insufficient to evaluate status.

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; Bull heads- 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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