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Excellence in Seafood

Invasive Blue Catfish

Blue Catfish were introduced to local waters as a sportfish in the late 70's, since then they have taken over the local waterways. Blue Catfish are an invasive species. This means they are not native and they are out competing our local species for food and habitat. Blue Catfish have been found up to 187lbs in local waters, far exceeding the 20-30lbs size range of our native catfish. They are voracious apex predators.

Fortunately for us, they taste delicious. These catfish are not bottom feeders, therefore, they do not have the typical 'muddy' flavor associated with catfish. An added benefit of targeting this species is that it gives the local watermen something to harvest when times are slow.

We need your help to catch the last blue catfish!



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Our blue catfish are harvested for us by Billy & Rocky Rice using 'fish pots'. These hoop style nets do no ecological damage and have very little bycatch.

The Rice family has been in the seafood business for over 5 generations. They represent the honesty and integrity that we look for in our fishermen. Each of the father and son duo sit on advisory commissions in both Maryland and the Potomac River, that manage these fisheries for the future.



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