

# Report **INVASIVE** Fishes of Delaware Online

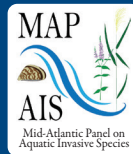
Invasive species invade habitats beyond their native, historic range. Their presence can have serious economic and ecological impacts.



[bit.ly/reportinvasivefish](http://bit.ly/reportinvasivefish)

Report invasive fish to the Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife online or by email or phone.

email: [DNRECFisheries@delaware.gov](mailto:DNRECFisheries@delaware.gov)



phone: 302-739-9914

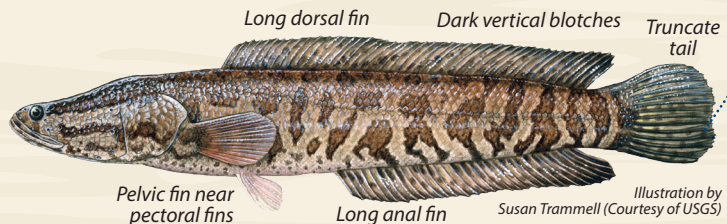


**It is best to Kill **INVASIVE** Fish, not release them**

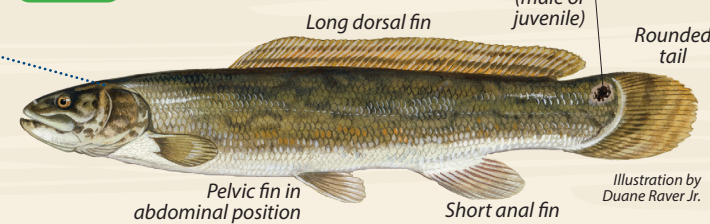
- In the water where caught or any other body of water.
- On land because it may be able to move back to water.

## **INVASIVE** Northern Snakehead (*Channa argus*)

Eat and out-compete local sport fishes like largemouth bass.



## **NATIVE** Bowfin (*Amia calva*)



**Look-Alike Alert**  
Can Be Misidentified

**Not Invasive—Please Release**

*Fishes not drawn to scale.*



**INVASIVE Flathead Catfish (*Pylodictis olivaris*)**

Mottled brown/black and pale yellow coloration.

Can exceed 100 lbs.

Lower jaw extends beyond upper jaw



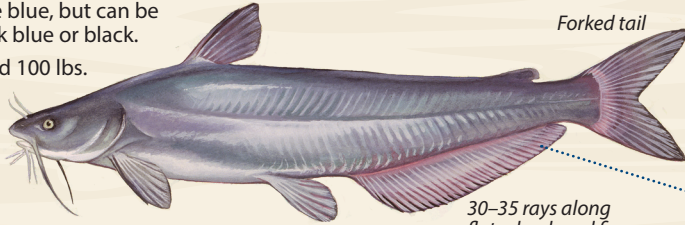
Square tail

Rounded anal fin composed of fewer than 30 rays

**INVASIVE Blue Catfish (*Ictalurus furcatus*)**

Often pale blue, but can be white, dark blue or black.

Can exceed 100 lbs.



Forked tail

30-35 rays along flat edged anal fin

Look-Alike Alert  
Can Be  
Misidentified

**INTRODUCED Channel Catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*)**

Olive brown to gray color, often has dark spots.

Rarely exceeds 30 lbs.

Non-Native but Not Invasive



Forked tail

24-29 rays along curved anal fin



Delaware's invasive catfishes eat already struggling native fishes like American Shad, Alewife and Blueback Herring.

**Anglers, You Can Help!**

If you catch one of these invasive species, follow these best practices for healthy ecosystems:

- DO kill it
- DO take a photo
- DO report it to:

Delaware's **INVASIVE Fish Tracker**



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