Blue catfish

INVASIVE

HABITAT

- Prefer large rivers & streams
- Deep sluggish pools and submerged debris cover

Ictalurus furcatus

LOCATION

Native to: Mississippi River drainage

In Delaware: Nanticoke River, MD portion as of 2012

WHY A PROBLEM?

- Grow to large size
- Prey on native fishes like American shad and river herring
- Long-lived, reproduce rapidly

HOW TO IDENTIFY

- Wide head and heavy body
- Deeply forked tail
- Coloration silver with blue overcast
- Straight edge on anal fin as opposed to rounded anal on channel catfish

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