

# THE MAWS ACT

MITIGATION ACTION & WATERMEN SUPPORT



## THE PROBLEM

Blue catfish are overpopulated in the Chesapeake Bay & eating up blue crabs, rockfish, & other staples of our seafood market. Blue Catfish can:

Live up to

**20 YRS**

weigh up to

**100 LBS**

& eat up to

**10%**

of their body weight daily.

## OUR SOLUTION

A 2-year pilot program to establish a market for Chesapeake Bay blue catfish in animal food & positively impact the Bay ecosystem.

### GRANT

NOAA administers a grant to animal food producers (pet food, animal feed, aquaculture, etc.)

### FISH

Watermen catch the Blue Catfish in the Chesapeake Bay knowing they will be paid a fair rate

### PROCESS

Blue catfish will be transported and processed to use in dog and cat food, farm feed, and aquaculture

## REPORT

NOAA issues a report on the ecological and economic impact of the pilot program on the Bay and the market response and best practices from the animal food industry

## EXPAND

Grow the program to other species & watersheds



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