

Gloucester

Fishery Resources Office

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The Gloucester Fishery Resources Office is co-located at the Harrison Lake National Fish Hatchery in Charles City.

Purpose

The Gloucester Fishery Resources Office contributes technical expertise to the Service and other federal and state agencies to protect, enhance and restore fisheries, and manage aquatic nuisance species in Virginia and other mid-Atlantic states.

Management Activities

- Conducts fisheries and aquatic habitat assessments on federal lands and prepares fisheries and aquatic resource management plans
- Guides cooperators toward effective resource conservation and quality recreational fishing on military installations, national wildlife refuges and national parks
- Coordinates education and public awareness efforts that target aquatic nuisance species throughout Virginia and the entire Chesapeake Bay watershed

- Assists the Service, state agencies and non-government organizations in developing habitat management plans for at-risk watersheds and depleted fisheries

Highlights

Helped the Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station meet its fishery assessment goal two years ahead of the schedule set in its integrated natural resources management plans (INRMPs).

Initiated the first aquatic nuisance species awareness campaign in Virginia. Nearly 200 public boat ramps in all 11 congressional districts and over 75 counties have signs educating communities on preventing the introduction and spread of harmful aquatic species.

Was instrumental in developing Virginia's first invasive species management plan, addressing a serious environmental and economic threat.

Issues

Providing consistent technical support for enhanced resource stewardship and recreational fishing on military installations

Monitoring invasive species in the Chesapeake Bay watershed and predicting probable impacts to indigenous species

Forming federal and state partnerships to reverse declines in quality and quantity of aquatic habitats



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