

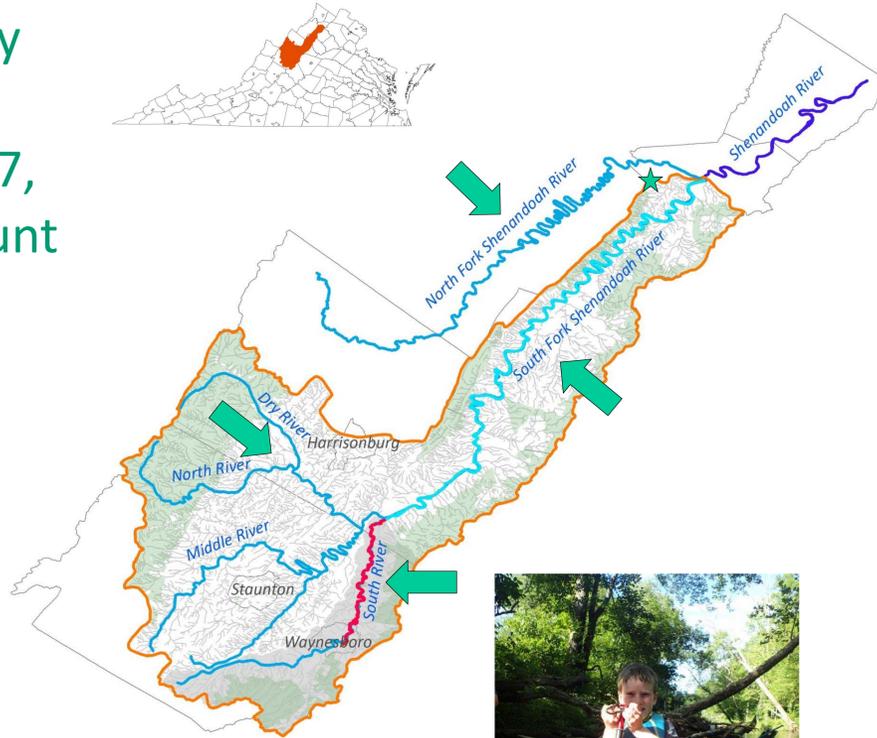
RECREATIONAL FISHING PROJECTS – ACCESS POINTS AND FRONT ROYAL HATCHERY

RESOURCES:

A regionally significant recreational fishery was impacted from mercury and the Fish Consumption Advisory, in place since 1977, causing reduction in the quality and amount of fishing trips.



Smallmouth bass is most sought after game fish in the Shenandoah River system.



EXPECTED BENEFITS:

Front Royal Hatchery

- Improve consistency of smallmouth bass production to supplement river populations when natural reproduction is low
- Opportunities for outreach
- Establish base for potential future expansion – production of other fish species

Access Points

- Restore number of trips and increase value of trips by adding more convenient access and options
- Benefits to other river users

PROPOSED PROJECTS:

- Renovate and improve the Front Royal Hatchery, a Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries facility located Front Royal, VA
 - Paid for directly by DuPont
 - Pond, raceway, and building upgrades
- Create or enhance access points for recreational fishing along rivers in the Shenandoah River watershed
 - Potential locations have been identified by state agencies
 - Co-occur with land acquisition when possible

