

# Invasive Catfish Workgroup

## Potomac River Fisheries Commission

### Management Updates



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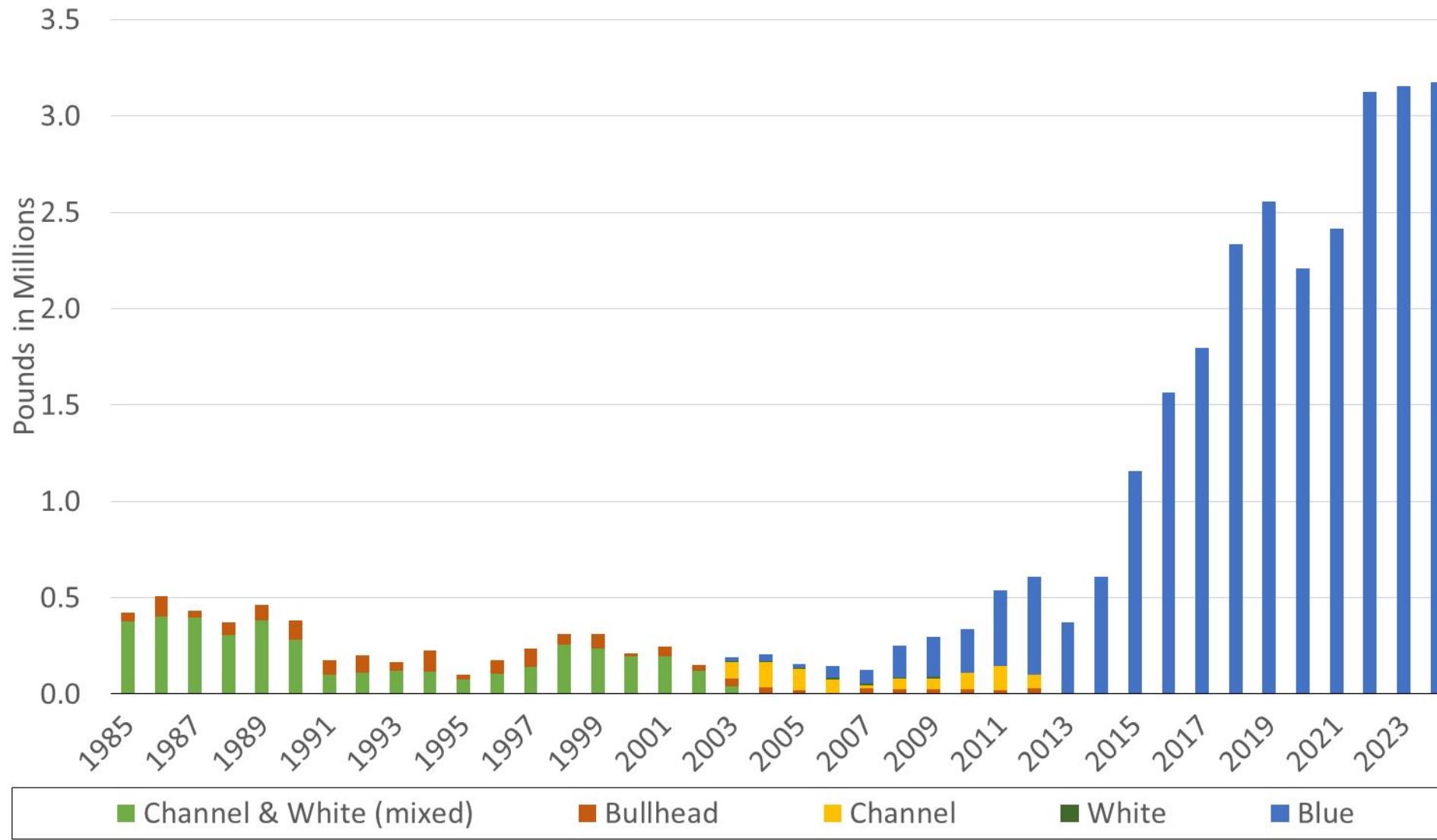
# Management Summary

- PRFC Jurisdiction: Woodrow Wilson Bridge down the mouth of the Potomac
- First seen in Potomac River in 1983
- Caught Recreationally and Commercially
- From 1960s to 2002, all catfish were reported as Mixed Species
- 2003 catfish harvesters began reporting by species



# PRFC Annual Finfish Harvest Report

## PRFC Catfish Landed by Species since 1985



## 2024 Annual Report

Total Catfish: 3,175,987 lbs.

Blue: 3,174,656 lbs.

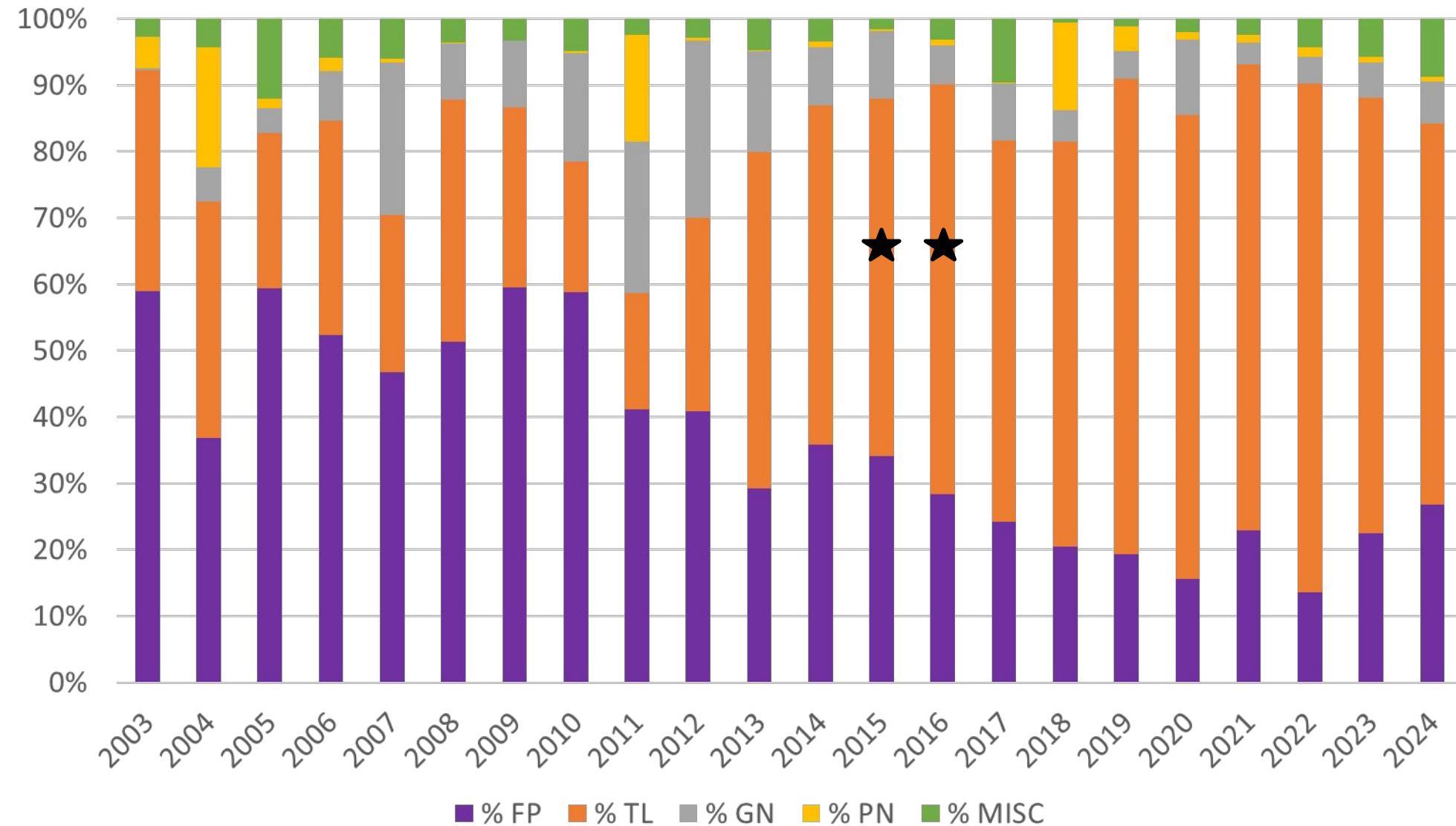
Bullhead: 860 lbs.

Channel: 403 lbs.

White: 68 lbs.

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## Proportion PRFC Blue Catfish Landed by Gear since 2003



## 2024 Annual Report

Total Blue Catfish:  
3,174,656 lbs.

Fish Pot (FP): 26.9%

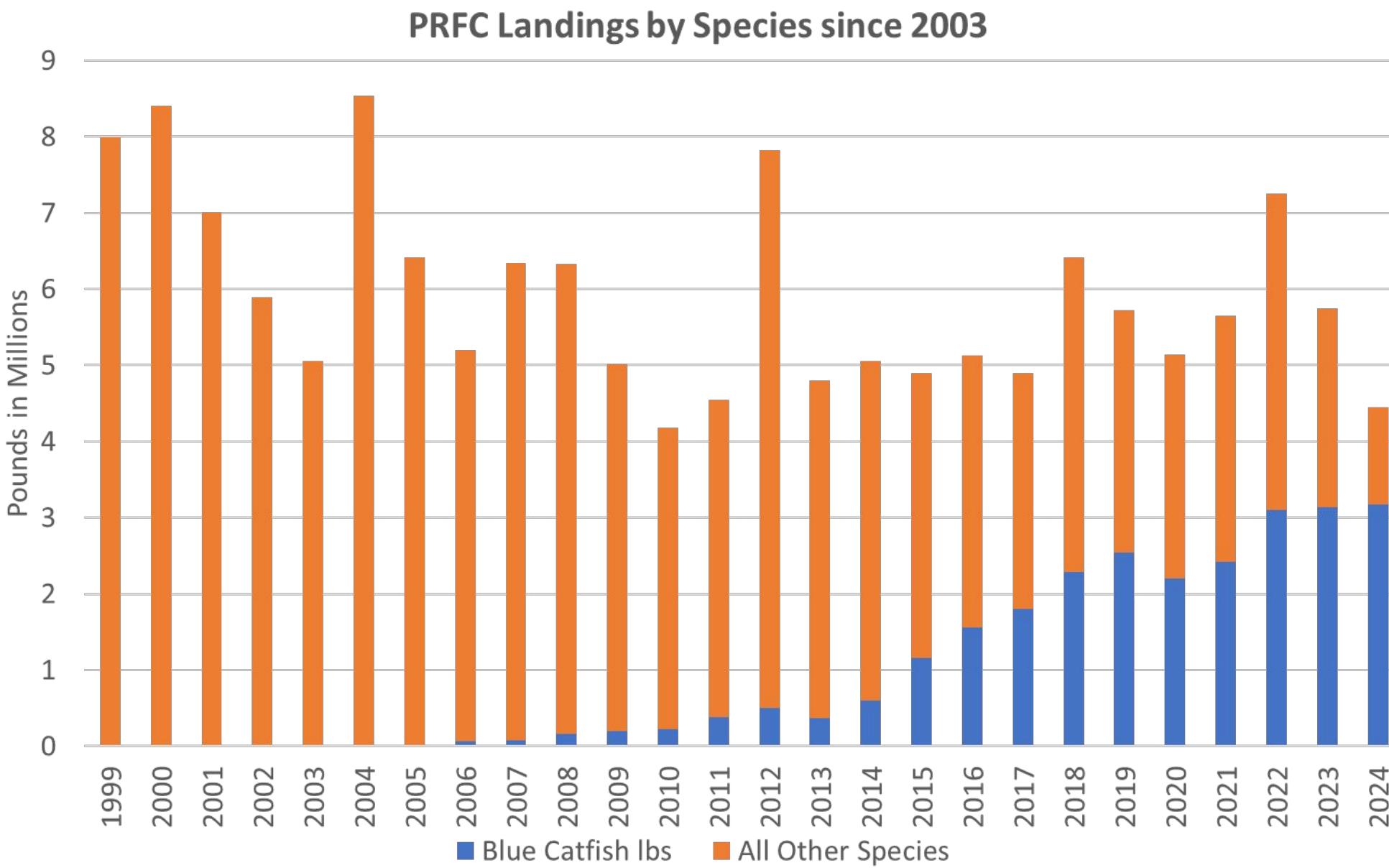
Fish Trotline (TL): 57.4%

Miscellaneous Gear: 8.7%

Gill Net (GN): 6.3%

Pound Net (PN): 0.7%

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## 2024 Annual Report

Total Landings: 4,449,504 lbs.

Blue Catfish: 3,174,656 lbs.  
71% of Total

# Questions?



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