

## **Delaware Bay Tributaries Forage and Juvenile Fish Survey**

### **Method for Collection**

I used a minnow trap baited with cat treats, placed in the water for 15-45 minutes for this collection. These were tidal creeks with running water, and both flow into Nantuxent Cove.

#### **Day 1- Cedar Creek Tributary Cedarville NJ**

**February 28th, 2026.** Sunny, 60°F day. I placed the trap under the bridge leading into Baypoint Beach, on the side away from Cedar Creek. It was low tide, and the warmest weather we have had in a long time. I placed the trap directly in the middle of the tidal creek, away from all vegetation. Interestingly however, there were oysters growing underneath this bridge, primarily on the rocks, debris, and bridge infrastructure.

**Catch:** 2 Juvenile Mummichog



#### **Day 2- Pages Run, Downe Township NJ**

**March 1st, 2026.** Cloudy, windy, and overall cold day (just below 50°F). Although I do not know the name of the bridge this was near, it is the bridge that is right next to the Bull on The Barn Restaurant in Downe Township (Newport) NJ. The current always flows extremely fast here, and there was also a high tide today. I first placed the trap in a rocky section along the bank of the creek, but after 15 minutes moved it to a more vegetated section. It was in the vegetated section, after another 15 minutes, I caught the Mummichog.



**Catch:** 1 Juvenile Mummichog

**Final Notes:** As it warms up it will be interesting to see not only how abundance of Mummichog changes, but also species diversity in general. Differences in high-tide vs low tide will also have to be noted.