Little Cats

Of the 13 species of catfish in Pennsylvania, six are called madtoms and may be mistaken for minnows. These little cats have a special niche in streams.

Stonecats are the largest of Pennsylvania's madtoms and are found in the Ohio River and Lake Erie watersheds.

Two of the three endangered madtoms of Pennsylvania, the northern madtom and the

mountain madtom, are found in the waterways of Pennsylvania's northwestern counties especially in French Creek. These madtoms are very sensitive to pollutants. So, they are considered indicator species—showing the health of the streams where they live.

The third endangered little cat, the tadpole madtom, is found across the state in the Ohio, Susquehanna and Delaware watersheds. Although endangered in Pennsylvania, it is not endangered elsewhere.

Fill in the question blanks with the correct answers. Then, match and fill in the message blanks below with the numbered letters from the questions. Enjoy a catfish angler message!

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