

MBSS 2019 Summer Training Overview

The MBSS summer training will be held at Howard Community College in Columbia on May 28 – May 31, 2019. The following is a brief overview of the four-day training. Breakfast and lunch are provided each day. A more detailed summer training agenda will follow, so please check the MBSS training website for updates.

Day 1: (28 May 2019) – *Physical Habitat Assessment and Fish Crew Leader Certifications*

- MBSS training overview
- Review of physical habitat assessment protocols – presentation and field demonstration ^a
- Physical habitat assessment written certification test ^a
- Fish sampling protocols – presentations and field demonstration ^b
- Fish crew leader written certification test ^b
- All day taxonomy review of fish, herpetofauna, crayfish, and mussels

Day 2: (29 May 2019) –

- All day taxonomy review of fish, herpetofauna, crayfish, and mussels. Experts in fish, herpetofauna, crayfish, and mussel identification will give powerpoint presentations (topic TBD) and be on hand to review the taxonomy of each group.

Day 3: (30 May 2019) –

- All day taxonomy review of fish, herpetofauna, crayfish, exotic plant, and mussel taxonomy. Experts in fish, herpetofauna, crayfish, exotic plant, and mussel identification will give powerpoint presentations (topic TBD) and be on hand to review the taxonomy of each group.
- Crayfish, Mussel, and Herpetofauna taxonomy exams

Day 4: (31 May 2019) – *Fish Taxonomy Certification*

- Fish taxonomy certification overview
- Fish taxonomy exam^c

^a Required for Physical Habitat Assessment Certification. Each applicant will be required to undergo a field audit during training.

^b Required for Fish Crew Leader Certification. A field audit is also required to complete this certification.

^c Required for Fish Taxonomy Certification. A field audit is also required to complete this certification.