

Great Friend



The Lake Sturgeon

FOR THE TEACHER

Over the course of this unit students will learn a great deal about the water and history of the Great Lakes and some of the aspects that make it an important and unique resource for us all. The common theme throughout all parts of this resource is our Great Lakes friend, Sally Sturgeon. Sally is a Lake Sturgeon. Sally is over 120 years old. Given everything Sally has been through it is amazing that she has survived so long.

In this Great Friend activity, students will learn more about Lake Sturgeon and what is now being done to protect and restore this species. Have your students read the story on the next page or present it to the class using the [Primary Old Friend](#) PowerPoint presentation. Next, present the [Primary Great Friend](#) PowerPoint presentation.

Then discuss how some people might be frightened or confused when seeing a sturgeon for the first time. Using the [Lake Sturgeon Factsheet](#) provided, help your students describe the sturgeon by comparing it to other things. Some examples might be that its shape is like a torpedo, it sucks up food like a vacuum cleaner, it has armour plates like an armadillo. Finish with a comparison of size and weight. Compare your size and weight and the student's size and weight to the sturgeon. For example, Sally weighs as much as five students and perhaps 2 teachers. A shark might weigh as much as 2 sturgeon and ten students. Have the students estimate some other concrete examples. It would take 3 or 4 big dogs to weigh as much as Sally. A horse weighs about 5 times as much as Sally. Sally is as tall as 8 cats.

Provide students with the [How Big is Sally Sturgeon?](#) Activity. Upon completion, students can go to the online quiz, [Sturgeon and You](#).