

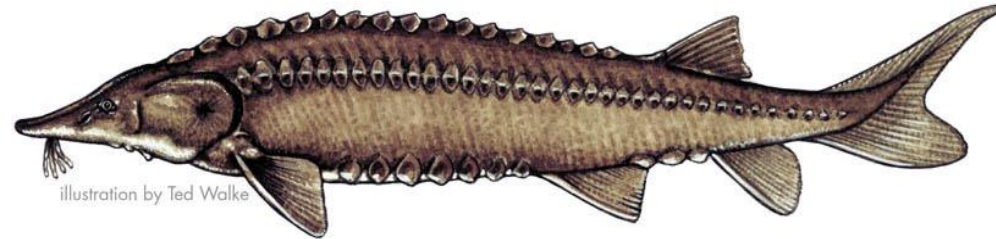


[http://www.epa.gov/bioiweb1/html/photos\\_fish\\_freshwater.html](http://www.epa.gov/bioiweb1/html/photos_fish_freshwater.html)

## Lake Sturgeon *Acipenser fulvescens*

### Characteristics

- bony plates on caudal peduncle restricted to lateral bands; 2 scales on dorsal ridge.
- anal fin origin behind dorsal fin
- cone-shaped snout, barbels not fringed, lower lip with 2 lobes
- small spiracle above and behind eye



<http://www.fish.state.pa.us/pafish/fishhtmls/chap5.htm>

### Ecology and Distribution

- bottom of lakes and rivers, over mud, sand, and gravel
- potadromous; i.e., spawning migrations to upstream tributaries in late spring

**Conservation – extirpated from Ohio drainage in PA (including FC); upstream migration blocked by dams & locks on Ohio & Allegheny River**