

## **Participant List and Biographical Information - 2008 Lake Sturgeon Coordination Meeting**

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Serves as project leader and hatchery manager of the Genoa (WI) National Fish Hatchery. The station currently propagates and raises 2 strains of lake sturgeon for restoration efforts in Missouri, Wisconsin, Tennessee, and Minnesota. The station also currently supplies sturgeon for aquariums and many research entities, some sponsored by the Great Lakes Fishery Trust. This year, sturgeon were produced and supplied to research agencies to track olfactory development, study tag retention, and investigate new methods of marking.

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Our work is primarily focused on investigating aspects of early life history of lake sturgeon in a remnant population inhabiting the Muskegon River system. The objectives of this study are to: 1) estimate the abundance of spawning adults in the system, 2) locate spawning sites in the Muskegon River, 3) assess spawning success by collecting drift samples in the river, and 4) track the movement of juvenile lake sturgeon to determine residence and habitat preferences in Muskegon Lake. Our research will provide important information needed to facilitate decisions concerning lake sturgeon rehabilitation in this system.

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I am a fish and wildlife technician that assists in the following. The Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin continues to undergo research on Lake Sturgeon Restoration. Lake Sturgeon had been extirpated from the Menominee Indian Reservation, WI until 1994 when federal, state, and tribal biologists began implementing strategies to reintroduce Lake Sturgeon to reservation waters. The Lake Sturgeon is an important part of the Menominee Indian Tribe

culturally and also has provided subsistence in years past. Research activities include reintroduce adult Lake Sturgeon, stock yearling Lake Sturgeon, monitor behavior and habitat use using radio-telemetry, and conduct annual population assessments on reintroduced populations. These activities will enable the identification of preferred habitat for lake sturgeon on the Menominee Reservation and bring the population to a self-sustaining level. Biological monitoring of movement behavior, habitat use and population status will allow adaptation of current management strategies as needed. The data collected and lake surveys completed will be used in the development of management plans and Menominee Fishing Rules and Regulations governing Lake Sturgeon.

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Brenda Archambo is the Founder and President of Sturgeon For Tomorrow (Michigan), a 501c3 non-profit organization whose mission is to assist fisheries managers in the rehabilitation of the threatened lake sturgeon. Through collaborative process and advocacy, Archambo's volunteer leadership established grass-roots partnerships between stakeholders, universities, and the Michigan DNR to implement research, spawning habitat conservation and outreach programs to promote lake sturgeon reproductive ecology and early life history, including stream-side rearing. Many people also refer to Brenda as "The Sturgeon General". Brenda Archambo is also an outreach consultant with the National Wildlife Federation.

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Gil Archambo is a co-founder of Sturgeon For Tomorrow (SFT) in Michigan and serves on the Board of Directors. Gil successfully argued for allowing a minimal harvest of lake sturgeon from the Black Lake population. Gil and SFT members convinced state fisheries managers that the cultural significance of sturgeon spearing could be used to promote efforts to recover sustainable populations of this majestic fish. Gil was influential in developing and organizing a harvest tag lottery for sturgeon spearing season on Black Lake.

Archambo has logged thousands of volunteer hours assisting researchers in netting and tagging sturgeon in the Black River, larval sampling, stream-side rearing, organizing logistics for the Annual Sturgeon Guarding Program, serves on the Sturgeon Advisory Council, and assists with hatchery tours and field trips to view spawning sturgeon.

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In 1987 I began an investigation into the population status of lake sturgeon utilizing the Sturgeon River in the Lake Superior watershed for spawning. The initial study focused on operation of a small hydropower facility which impacted sturgeon movement and spawning. In 1990 the facility was relicensed and now operates at near ROR which has enhanced spawning success and movements of the population. By 2004 we began to see the fruits of the labors of relicensing as more untagged and sub-adult fish were being encountered in the river and surrounding watershed areas. I have worked with lake sturgeon in the Sturgeon

River and Ontonagon Rivers and several Lake Michigan tributaries. I have prepared or contributed to peer-reviewed publications, book chapters, was editor of the Lake Superior Rehab Plan for Lake Sturgeon in Lake Superior (2002) and have supported many Master's students on research funding directly related to lake sturgeon. In 2004-2005 research work focused on the use of split-beam, side-scan hydroacoustic assessment of the spawning lake sturgeon population in the Sturgeon River, assisting in the assessment of Lake Michigan sturgeon stocks in upper peninsula tributaries both with Dr. Ed Baker of the Michigan DNR and also worked with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians on larval to age-1 lake sturgeon distribution in the Manistee River with J. Marty Holtgren. These projects were funded by the Great Lakes Fishery Trust. Through NOAA and MDNR Dr. Baker and I have supported and operated a rearing facility on the Ontonagon River, Michigan. In October we released lake sturgeon reared at that facility. Currently I am working with David Dempsey on joint editorship of a book: *The Great Lake Sturgeon*.

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I am a Fisheries Research Biologist for the Michigan DNR and have been researching lake sturgeon in the Great Lakes since 1995. Research topics have included lake sturgeon distribution and status in Michigan, early life history, hydroacoustic assessment of spawning runs, and streamside sturgeon culture. I have also been actively involved in the development of lake sturgeon management plans for the state of Michigan and the upper Great Lakes. I'm a member of the lakes Michigan, Huron, and Superior Sturgeon Work Groups.

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Involved with water management planning, renewable energy hydro development and large scale hydro expansion projects on North Eastern Ontario Rivers. Water related work experience has enhanced awareness of issues and impacts related to sturgeon. The water management planning process highlighted issues including entrainment but also provided the opportunity to understand peaking facility operations and the associated impacts to the zone of influence triggering the desire to understand lake sturgeon needs and requirements more.

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I have been a Great Lakes Fishery Biologist with the USFWS since 2002 and have worked with lake sturgeon for 11 years. I serve as chair of the Lake Huron Lake Sturgeon Task Group of the Lake Huron Committee, serve on the Lake Erie Habitat Task Group of the Lake Erie Committee, serve on the USFWS Great Lakes Basin Lake Sturgeon Committee, and lead the Service's lake sturgeon work in the Huron Erie Corridor and Lake Erie. Most recent work has been working with USGS, Michigan DNR, DFO Canada and Ontario MNR to assess historical lake sturgeon spawning areas in the Huron Erie Corridor and also looking at the pre-construction and post-construction of an artificial lake sturgeon spawning reef located at Fighting Island in the Detroit River. Since working with the Service I have been project manager or co-project manager on 6 lake sturgeon projects including: *Using GIS to determine habitat use and movement patterns of adult lake sturgeon spawning in the North Channel of the St. Clair River*, *Movement patterns and habitat use of lake sturgeon spawning in the upper St. Clair River*, *Movement patterns and habitat use by juvenile lake sturgeon in the St. Clair River*, *Lake sturgeon use and habitat availability on the Maumee River (OH)*, *Lake sturgeon use and habitat availability in the Saginaw River Watershed*, *Assessment of remnant lake sturgeon populations in Lower Detroit River*.

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I am the coordinator for the endangered fish programs as well as conducting state-wide inventory of fishes so we can update our maps. The sturgeon recovery program has been underway for about 13 years, and it has made substantial gains in stocking success. There has been a second version of our sturgeon recovery program, and we have moved-on to bays of Lake Ontario. Unfortunately, the issues with VHS have put our hatchery program on hold.

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I have participated in the adult lake sturgeon assessment in the St. Marys River through Lake Superior State University, but my primary research has focused on early-life stages (egg, larval, age-0 juvenile) in the Peshtigo River, Wisconsin, including work describing their mortality rates, mortality sources, and movement patterns.

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- Intern at the A/OFRC, Worked on Smooth Rock Lake spring 2008 (2 weeks). Biological samples were obtained (genetic, aging structure, length, weight, girth, maturity), Floy tagged, Pit tagged approximately 50 sturgeon.
- Exact same work was done in Espanola for 2 weeks on the Spanish River in spring 2008.
- Pic River near Marathon, I observed and assisted with a telemetry project where lake sturgeon were surgically implanted with a radio tag.
- Interested in learning more about the work done with lake sturgeon.

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Current lake sturgeon research includes working on developing a species-specific assay to sex fish by blood plasma hormones. Previous work showed that reagents from other *Acipenser* species were not effective enough, which has led to research to develop antibodies specific for lake sturgeon vitellogenin. Eventually, we would like to see the development a field test kit that would provide immediate results for both adults and juveniles alike. The USGS Great Lakes Science Center, USGS Columbia Environmental Research Center, Michigan Department of Natural Resources Lake St. Clair Fisheries Research Station, and Missouri Department of Conservation is working together to meet these goals.

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My lab is interested in lake sturgeon sex determination. Gynogenesis and karyology suggest that some sturgeon (e.g., shortnose, white) have genetic sex determination. If so, a PCR-based sexing assay that could discern the sex of an individual from a buccal swab, fin clip, blood sample, etc. could prove to be valuable. However, molecular evidence for genetic sex determination in sturgeon is lacking. Furthermore, even if it exists in one species, it may not in another as fish sex determination is extraordinarily labile. We are using modern molecular techniques, including gonad transcriptome sequencing via the Roche 454 platform, to try and uncover sex determining genes in lake sturgeon.

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The Anishinabek/Ontario Fisheries Resource Centre (A/OFRC) is a not-for-profit corporation and our clients are located in 41 First Nation communities, all of which are members of the Union of Ontario Indians. Lake sturgeon has always been an important cultural and subsistence fish species for many First Nation communities and the listing of lake sturgeon as a 'threatened' species, by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) can, therefore, have implications for these communities. Consequently, the A/OFRC has conducted a number of sturgeon tagging projects with various First Nation

communities – 5 years in the Mississauga River; 3 years in Aird Bay, Lake Huron; 3 years in the Spanish River; 4 years in the Sturgeon River; 3 years in Smoothrock Lake; 3 years in Lake Nipigon and 3 years in Pic River – the majority of these projects targeted spawning adult fish but several were juvenile tagging projects.

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I am the Secretary of the recently formed Kalamazoo River Sturgeon for Tomorrow organization. We did egg sampling activities in the Spring. We have recently supported the efforts of the Gun Lake Tribe in a grant proposal hoping to partner in further research. We hope to do river restoration projects to improve habitat. I am looking forward to the networking opportunities this meeting provides.

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I am a fifth-year PhD candidate at Michigan State University in the Department of Zoology (Molecular Ecology Lab) expected to complete my degree this Fall Semester 2008. As of late May 2008, I have concurrently been employed as a Fisheries Research Biologist at Ball State University on a long-term research project involving yellow perch population dynamics in the Indiana waters of Lake Michigan. Although my research on lake sturgeon tends to be diverse, I typically focus on questions that pertain to the early life history stages of this very unique species. For example, I have used field and laboratory experimentation to quantitatively describe depositional patterns of recently spawned eggs, estimate the magnitude of egg mortality and partition loss into different sources. I have also determined

differential probabilities of egg survival as a function of stream conditions such as water flow, predator density and substrate size. In an effort to tie aspects of reproduction to early life stages, I have recently been working to develop linear mixed models that relate the upstream movements and behavior of spawning adult lake sturgeon to stream conditions. These statistical models are also used to estimate variance in repeatability in spawning behavior with respect time (spawn date), location or environmental conditions such as water temperature and discharge.

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During 1999-2000, I conducted lake sturgeon research on the Manistee River (Michigan) to obtain information on basic population parameters (spawning population size, age structure, and growth) for my Master's thesis. During 2002-2004, I worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Green Bay, Wisconsin. My work with the USFWS involved capturing lake sturgeon (various life stages) in Green Bay and tributary streams to (1) estimate the abundance of adult lake sturgeon during the spawning run in four Green Bay tributaries, (2) describe and quantify reproductive success in these rivers, (3) describe spawner habitat availability and use in these systems, (4) determine the distribution and contribution of discrete spawning stocks to the mixed population of sturgeon inhabiting Green Bay, and (5) estimate the overall population size of lake sturgeon residing in Green Bay. I have been a fisheries management biologist for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources since June 2004. I started my DNR career in the West Lake Superior Management Unit. Two sturgeon populations (the Sturgeon River and Ontonagon River populations) were within my management jurisdiction, and I occasionally had opportunities to assist with lake sturgeon

research efforts on these systems. In February 2008, I transferred to the Southern Lake Michigan Management Unit (Plainwell office). My current management area includes the St. Joseph River and Galien River watersheds. Small numbers of adult lake sturgeon have been observed in the St. Joseph River below Berrien Springs Dam, and I plan to assist with the St. Joseph River sturgeon research program as opportunities arise.

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I am interested in sex determination and Lake Sturgeon. Karyotype and gynogenesis analysis on other sturgeon species suggests a molecular basis of sex determination. However, so far there has been no sign of any sex determining genes in lake or indeed any other species of sturgeon. Having a sex determining assay that would allow sex to be assigned by a simple PCR would be of significant advantage for lake sturgeon researchers. I am using next generation sequence techniques on the gonads (testes and ovaries) of lake sturgeon to try and discover such genes.

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- Recently completed a state-of-the-resource report for lake sturgeon in the Moose River Basin (public audience document)
- Currently authoring a document on the distribution, range and status of lake sturgeon in northeastern Ontario. Mapping is in a GIS environment with attribute information linked to stream segments.
- Currently working with First Nation communities on the Hudson Bay coast to document aboriginal traditional knowledge of lake sturgeon resources
- Periodically review mining and other river development proposals and recommend habitat/flow solutions or monitoring requirements related to lake sturgeon

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Help in capture of sturgeon for collecting biological data, tagging, tacking and diet studies. Have aged fin-ray sections. Have tracked sturgeon in the St. Clair River and on Lake St. Clair.

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Managing the Great Lakes Lake Sturgeon Tag Identification Database. Managing the database involves keeping in touch with researchers tagging lake sturgeon to receive new tag information annually to update the searchable database containing over 15,800 PIT tags and 150 external tag sequences from 31 individual participants representing 18 agencies.

Working with commercial fishers in Saginaw Bay, Lake Huron commercial fishers who volunteer to tag lake sturgeon when caught as by-catch during the normal fishing seasons. Funding was received from the Great Lakes Fishery Trust this year to expand this project to Western Lake Erie and Northern and Eastern Lake Huron and provide commercial fishers with PIT tag readers and PIT tags. The information collected from the fishers is maintained at the Alpena National Fish and Wildlife Conservation office.

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Chet MacKenzie has been the project leader for the Lake Champlain Lake Sturgeon Assessment project for the past 10 years. Early efforts focused on capturing adult lake sturgeon at historic spawning sites in tributaries to Lake Champlain. Recent sampling has focused on collecting lake sturgeon eggs at spawning sites and drifting larvae. The next step in the Lake Champlain lake sturgeon project will be to develop a management plan.

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The mission of the Great Lakes Fishery Trust (GLFT) is to provide funding to enhance, protect and rehabilitate Great Lakes fishery resources. The GLFT will manage its resources to compensate for lost use and enjoyment of the Lake Michigan fishery resulting from the operation of the Ludington Pumped Storage Plant. Since its inception in 1996, the GLFT has granted a total of \$40,838,562 toward meeting its mission. The average amount of granting per year is near \$6 million. While the GLFT has always granted monies for Great Lakes fishery research, in 2001 it opened a category specifically to address the recruitment, rehabilitation, and restoration of lake sturgeon. To date, the GLFT has funded over \$19 million for Ecosystem Health and Sustainable Fish Populations research. Of that amount, \$4,157,396 (28 projects) has been dedicated to lake sturgeon rehabilitation and research, accounting for 21% of the research funding and only since 2001. Needless to say, lake sturgeon is of great importance to the GLFT and will continue to be a focus.

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- Worked for the OMNR since 1986 and for the Lake Ontario Management Unit since 1989
- Has waved the 'sturgeon flag' whenever possible
- Preliminary investigations of spawning of sturgeon in the Trent River and sampling of young sturgeon are the only field related activities
- Recently has been involved in the development of a sturgeon management plan for the Lake Ontario Technical Committee of the GLFC

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I'm new to SUNY-ESF and new to lake sturgeon. I will be initiating lake sturgeon work in 2009 with NYSDEC (Doug Carlson, Jeff Loukmas) and USGS (Dawn Dittman), pending receipt of funding. Our study will examine population parameters and habitat use of hatchery-reared lake sturgeon in the Oswego River (Erie Canal) system of central New York.

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I have worked with lake sturgeon in northern Manitoba on large riverine systems and in the Great Lakes (Lake Huron) both in the open water and in tributaries. Our work is both independent and also in cooperation with the commercial fishery in Lake Huron. Our work on Lake Huron has included mixed population estimates, spawning run population size estimates, life history assessment, presence/absence surveys of various tributaries, larval production assessment, movement assessment and an attempt at external sex determination. I am personally interested in the unique life history strategy of lake sturgeon and how that has helped it to survive and or has impeded its recovery. Related to that I am also interested in how the unique life history can be analyzed using ageing structures.

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Lisa O'Connor has recently completed an *in situ* study of YOY lake sturgeon and the effects of the lampricide TFM. For this project both hatchery and wild YOY sturgeon were followed *in situ* during a TFM lampricide application, to determine the effect of two concentrations of TFM (full and "sturgeon protocol level) on YOY sturgeon survival. She hopes to continue to work with lake sturgeon on the Pic River in 2009. Her previous projects have included fish passage and movement at low-head barriers and trap and sort fishways using PIT tags.

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I am working with stakeholder groups and management agencies toward a partnership for lake sturgeon conservation in southwest Michigan. Current activities include designing a display and brochure to educate and engage the public and solicit information regarding sturgeon sightings and incidental captures.

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I have been involved with 1) assessing lake sturgeon populations on the Canadian side of Lake Superior, 2) investigating the effects of lampricide on age-0 sturgeon, 3) leading the recovery potential assessment for lake sturgeon in the Great Lakes basin as part of the Canadian Species-at-Risk process, and I will be involved in developing a recovery strategy for Great Lakes lake sturgeon populations.

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I've been working on the MITW Sturgeon Management Plan since 1996. The MITW is currently in the process of revising the plan to formulate new goals and methods for reaching those goals.

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I am presently involved in assisting the tribe as it works to re-evaluate and update a management plan that was drafted in 1995. The tribe is interested in any new information that will help bring a viable population of sturgeon back to reservation waters.

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My recent work includes evaluation of juvenile lake sturgeon abundance and biological characteristics in nearshore waters of Lake Superior, examination of stock specific movements and habitat use during non-spawning periods using genetic analyses, and development of guidelines for stocking lake sturgeon in the Great Lakes.

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The Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin continues to undergo research on Lake Sturgeon Restoration. Lake Sturgeon had been extirpated from the Menominee Indian Reservation, WI until 1994 when federal, state, and tribal biologists began implementing strategies to reintroduce Lake Sturgeon to reservation waters. The Lake Sturgeon is an important part of the Menominee Indian Tribe culturally and also has provided subsistence in years past. Research activities include reintroduce adult Lake Sturgeon, stock yearling Lake Sturgeon, monitor behavior and habitat use using radio-telemetry, and conduct annual population assessments on reintroduced populations. These activities will enable the identification of preferred habitat for lake sturgeon on the Menominee Reservation and bring the population to a self-sustaining level. Biological monitoring of movement behavior, habitat use and population status will allow adaptation of current management strategies as needed. The data collected and lake surveys completed will be used in the development of management plans and Menominee Fishing Rules and Regulations governing Lake Sturgeon.

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My Lake Sturgeon involvement started in 1994 with the sighting of a major spawning event. I've since taken High School Students, world wide science fair visitors, local groups and individuals to observe these annual events. I've also been involved with species management through the regional and district branches of OMNR. Adult relocation, recreational fisheries regulation changes, geographical naming of rapids/falls, stream rehabilitation, assist with aquatic scientific research, permitted capture and relocation of juvenile to the Sudbury Science North centre. Involved with existing dam structure defects in entrainment hazard resolving and lastly new dam project developments in our Northern Ontario Rivers. I just turned 57 and months away from retirement as a Millwright with Xstrata Copper where I hope to increase my commitment and involvement with Lake Sturgeon/Northern River issues and just sharing the precious nature in our backyard.

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- Studying population status and habitat use of remnant sturgeon population in Lake Nipissing
- Using mark-recapture techniques on adult sturgeon at two spawning sites to estimate remnant adult population
- Using mark recapture techniques on juvenile sturgeon caught by Nipissing First Nation members while commercially fishing for walleye
- Tracking adult sturgeon using radiotelemetry to learn more about habitat use and movement patterns

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I am working collaboratively with Kregg Smith (MDNR) and Matthew Altenritter (GVSU graduate student) to investigate the early life history of lake sturgeon in a remnant population inhabiting the Muskegon River system. The objectives of this study are to: 1) estimate the abundance of spawning adults in the system, 2) locate spawning sites in the Muskegon River, 3) assess spawning success by collecting drift samples in the river, and 4) track the movement of juvenile lake sturgeon to determine residence and habitat preferences in Muskegon Lake. Our research will provide important information needed to facilitate decisions concerning lake sturgeon rehabilitation in this system.

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I have been on the faculty at MSU for 10 years and I have 25 years of experience working in the fields of ecological genetics and population ecology. I have been a PI on several sturgeon projects on the Great Lakes and tributaries. I direct multiple field and lab projects and supervise graduate students working on lake sturgeon population genetics, recruitment, assessment of restoration methods, and on the mating system.

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I have been involved in lake sturgeon assessment and research with the Michigan DNR since 1996. Our work on the St. Clair River sturgeon population has included marking studies (PIT tags, monel dorsal tags, and internal sonic tags) to better understand sturgeon movements, spawning behaviour, and population abundance. I've also been involved in evaluating the management of the Michigan sport fishery for lake sturgeon in the St. Clair system. Since the Michigan statewide sturgeon regulations were implemented in 1999, the sturgeon fishery in the St. Clair River has evolved. Michigan regulations may need to evolve to better manage this fishery.

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I am responsible for all administrative management and supervision of facilities, personnel and budgets while managing lake and stream fisheries and related aquatic resources within a ten county area in the southeast part of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. I organize and manage budgets, reports, personnel and work projects. I supervise the planning and implementation of management strategies for fisheries based on field reviews, reports and coordinated

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My lake sturgeon work has been limited to fishing regulation changes, the census of lake sturgeon anglers and occasionally assisting with the capture and data collection of the sturgeon in Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair River by the MDNR, Mt. Clemens Fisheries Research Station. I have also acted as a MDNR, Fisheries advisor during the design of the Belle Isle Sturgeon Reef and the Fighting Island Sturgeon Reef.

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I have been conducting quantitative analyses of lake sturgeon populations in support of a recovery potential assessment. I have used a modeling approach based on life history data to provide recommendations about allowable harm, recovery efforts, timeframes for recovery, recovery targets, and habitat requirements.

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I have worked for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for over twenty years and previously worked 4.5 years for Michigan State University as a stream fisheries research biologist. I am currently the Fish Production Manager for the Department's Fisheries Division, manage the Tribal Coordination Unit for the Fisheries Division, and am chair of the Division's Lake Sturgeon Committee. I am currently overseeing our committee's revision of the MI DNR Lake Sturgeon Strategy. In addition, I am the co-chair of the National Fish Habitat Initiative Science and Data Committee, chair of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission – Great Lakes Fish Health Committee, and president of the American Fisheries Society History Section.

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