HAVE YOU SEEN A STURGEON?



Sturgeon are Federally Protected

If a sturgeon is observed within the active work area, the following precautionary measures are to be implemented

All in-water activities, including vessel operation, must be shut down if a sturgeon comes within 150 feet of the work area. Activities shall not resume until the sturgeon has moved beyond a 150-foot radius of the in-water work, or until 20 minutes elapses since the last sighting within 150 feet

Secure any sturgeon carcass on site or hold in a freezer until an agency representative arranges for its transport for analysis.

Any collision with and/or injury to a sturgeon shall be reported immediately to NMFS's Protected Resources Division at (727)-824-5312, and to the USFWS District Environmental Staff (352) 448-9151