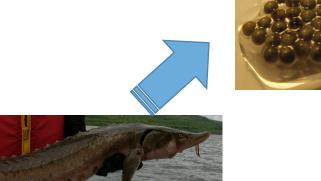
## 1.5a GRR Sturgeon Student Worksheet

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## **Fish Life Cycle**

Fish life cycles vary among species. In general, however, fish progress through the following life cycle stages shown for sturgeon below.





**Eggs:** Fertilized eggs develop into fish (NOAA)





**Adult:** When the fish is able to spawn (reproduce) (wikicommons)



**Larval:** Larval fish live off a yolk sac attached their bodies (NOAA)



**Juvenile:** The "teenage years" between Fry and Spawning Adult (USFWS)





Fry: Fry start eating on their own (NOAA)

## **Grand River Fishes Life Cycles**

The Grand River is home to many fish species. Your group will research one species' life cycle to share with the class. Current estimates are that there are about 100 sturgeon in total in the Grand River. For the other species, we can estimate their abundance by how many were caught in the Lower Grand River near Grand Rapids. The more fish caught, the larger the population. The Michigan DNR will stock (put young fish) into rivers and lakes in Michigan to support their populations. You can find out if your species is stocked by using the following website - <a href="https://www.michigandnr.com/fishstock/">https://www.michigandnr.com/fishstock/</a>.