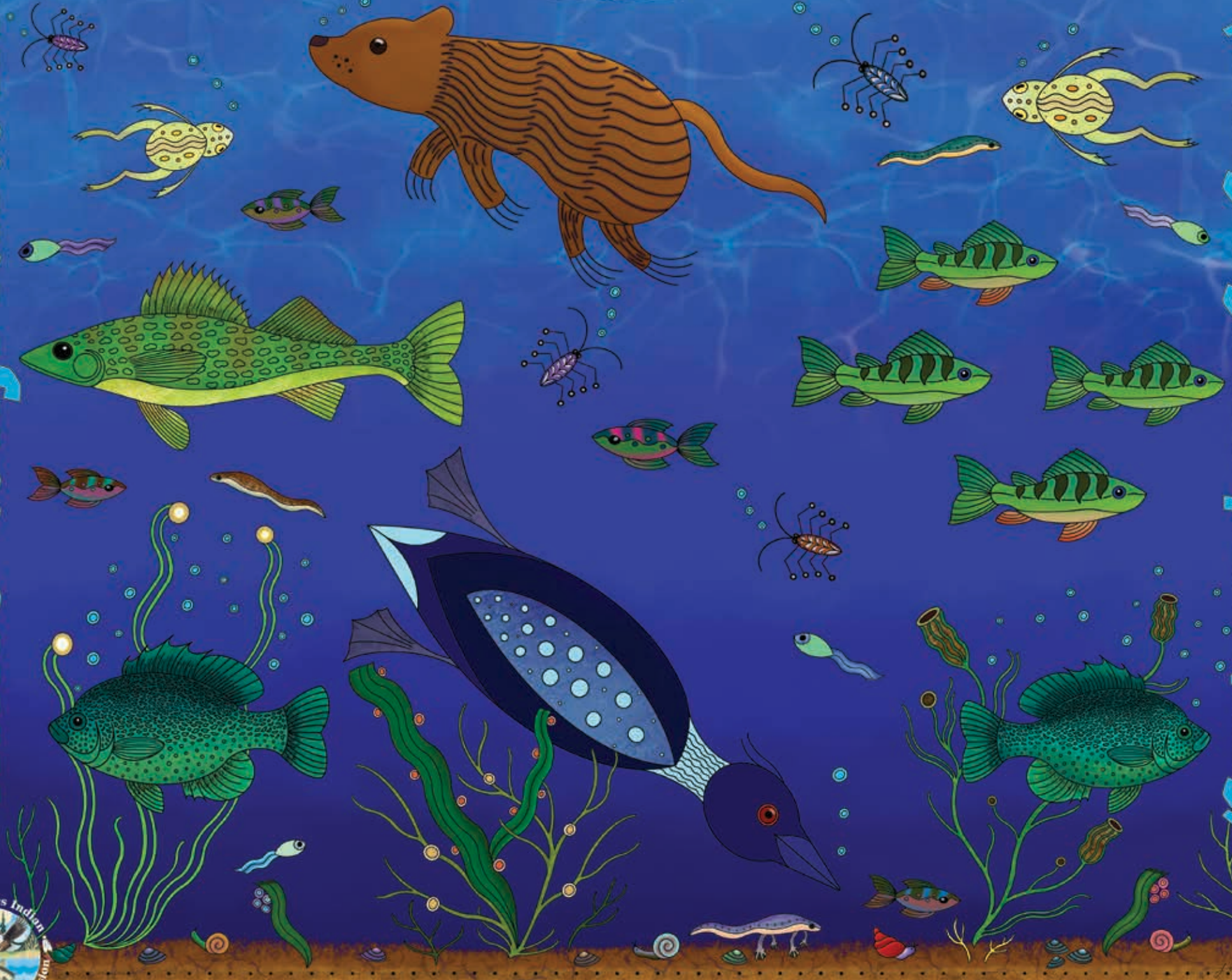


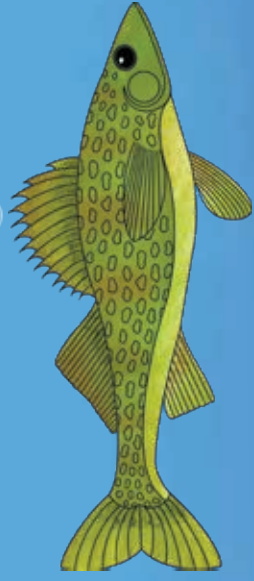
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Inspired by the vast biodiversity found in her Lac Courte Oreilles homelands, Ojibwe artist Jessica Leigh Gokey created a three-tier portraiture of the Northwoods featuring sky, land, and water she calls “Affinity of Nature’s Harmony.” A sub-panel of Gokey’s sweeping landscape explores the subsurface space found **naawij**—out in the lake—and is GLIFWC’s 2023 Annual Poster. The full color drawing is entitled **mino-wiiji'idiwin**, a term that translates into English as being together, or coexisting, peacefully.

Covered in lakes great and small, the Ojibwe Ceded Territory supports a rich collection of aquatic life. Gokey’s snapshot of a water column features creatures both mysterious and familiar. Members of the abundant panfish family are represented—collectively bluegill and sunfish are both known as **agwadaashi** in the Ojibwe language. Other finned swimmers include **ogaa** (walleye) and **asaawe** (yellow perch). Animals like the industrious **wazhashk** (muskrat) and diving **maangwag** (loons) make their living right alongside aquatic plants and **biimiskodisiig** (snails). They all rely on each other—and clean water to live in—to maintain a healthy community and a successful food web. What other living beings can you find?

