

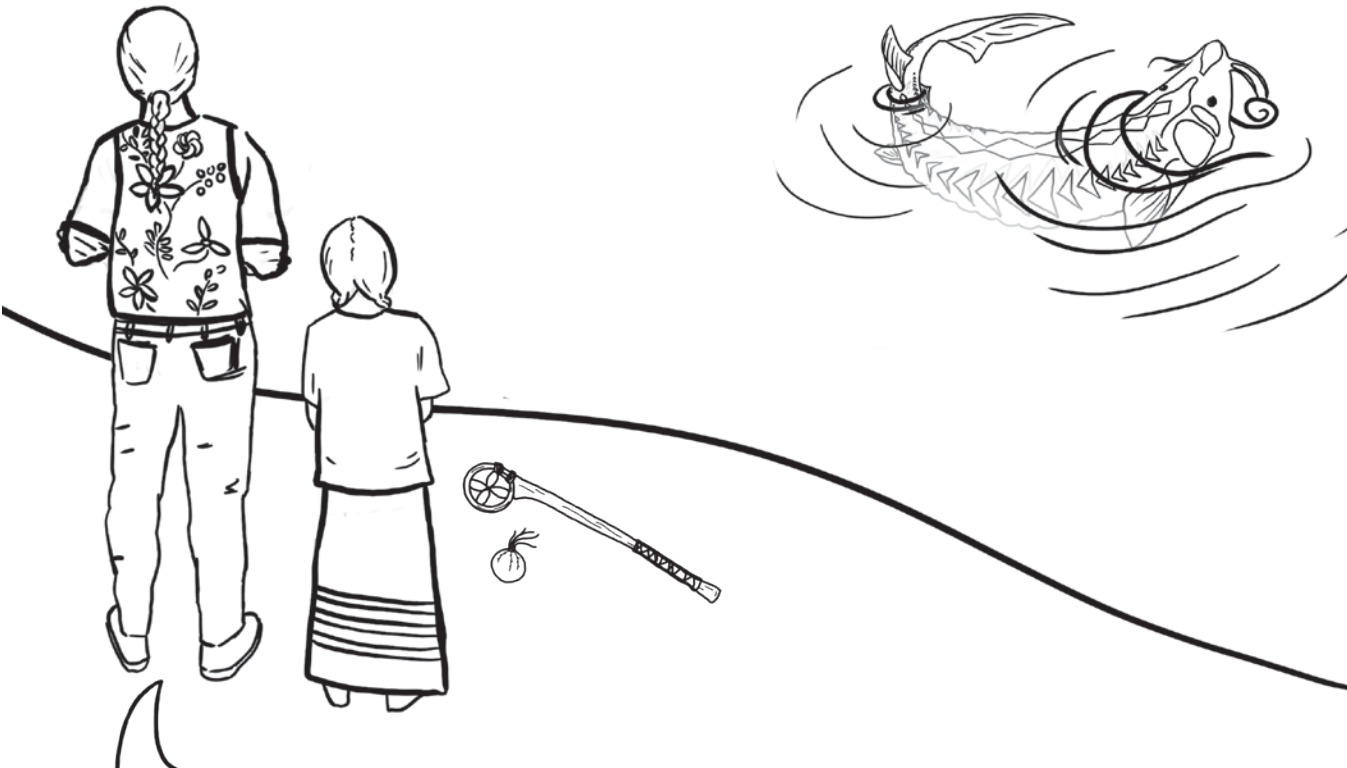


Giwaabamaa na Name?

Do you see the Sturgeon?



Name (or sturgeon) is a very special swimmer who can live to be one hundred years old or more, and like many elders, he carries a lot of knowledge, teachings, and stories, including baaga’adowewin (lacrosse). A few elders still tell the sacred stories using the cartilaginous skeleton (that means their bones are mostly made of “cartilage” just like your ears and nose). Each piece of the skeleton represents a different story, so in the traditional way, these stories take many nights to tell.



10-year-old Baashkine'aanakwad releases sturgeon fingerlings into the St. Louis river in Fall of 2024. These babies were hatched and raised by Fond du Lac's Resource Management Division

(JVS photo)

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Activity:

Answer the questions from the word bank below to uncover the missing vowels from the sentence above!

What is the Ojibwe word for sturgeon?
____(1)

A sturgeon can live to be ____ (2) years old.

The longest recorded sturgeon to be harvested with a spear was ____ (3) feet and 1 inch and was harvested by Butch St. Germaine from ____ (4).

Traditionally, the sturgeon's skeleton helped tell sacred ____ (5) over many nights.

The sport known in English as ____ (6) was gifted to Ojibwe people by the sturgeon.

- (a) seven
- (o) lacrosse
- (i) one hundred
- (oo) Lac du Flambeau
- (aa) Name
- (e) stories



Did you know?

The longest lake sturgeon ever harvested by spearfishing measured seven feet and one inch! Lac du Flambeau's Butch St. Germaine landed the big fish in the spring of 1981, according to the George W Brown Ojibwe Museum and Cultural Center. You can go see the chi-name in person at the museum in the village of Lac du Flambeau. (ldfmuseum.com)



This Name is only 6-8 inches long, and is not even a year old yet.

This adult Name is about four feet long. If she lives her full lifespan of 80-100 years, she could even double her length!

(USFWS photos)

Howah!

