



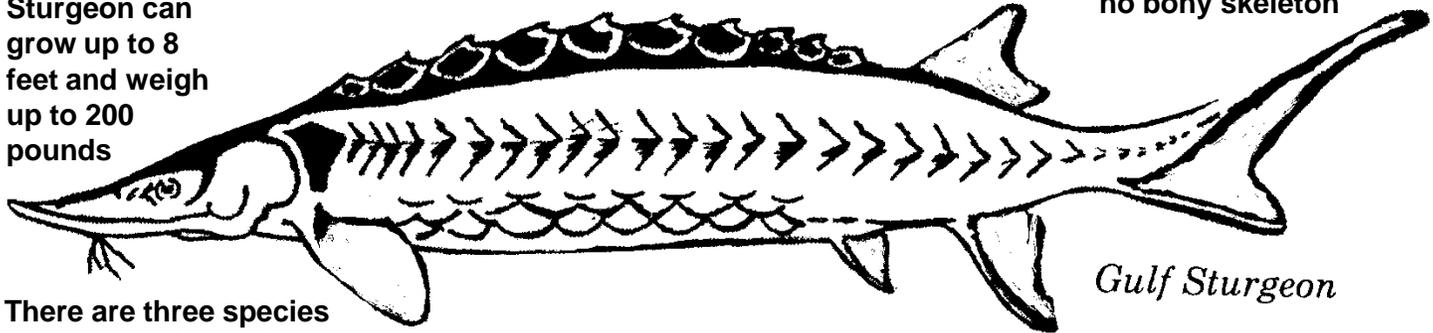
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Sturgeon have no teeth and the upper lobe of the tail is longer than the lower lobe similar to sharks

Sturgeon are a protected species and cannot be harvested

Sturgeon can grow up to 8 feet and weigh up to 200 pounds

Sturgeon have no bony skeleton



Gulf Sturgeon

There are three species of sturgeon in Florida:

Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipsener oxyrinchus oxyrinchus*), Gulf sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus desotoi*) and shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*). All three species have a round body imbedded with an armor of five rows of bony plates or scutes.

Florida sturgeon can live long lives, exceeding 25 years in some case

All three species are anadromous, meaning that they move from saltwater to freshwater to spawn