

# ATTENTION ANGLERS

**GREEN STURGEON** ARE PROTECTED BY FEDERAL LAW

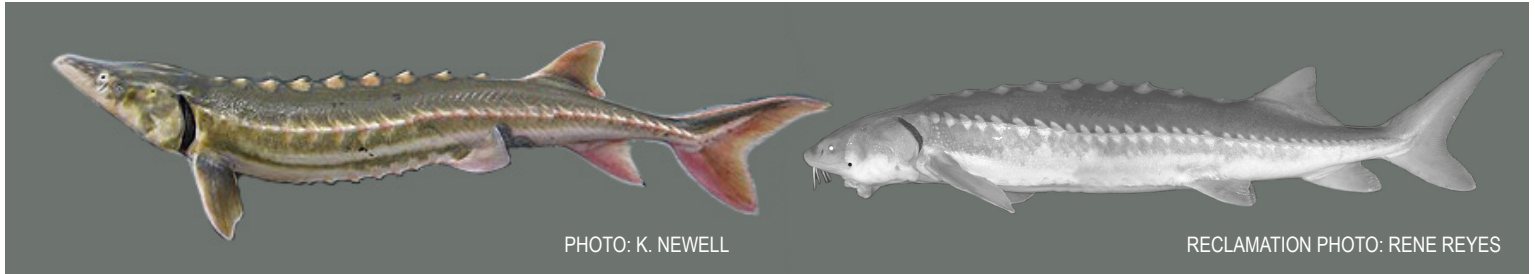


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## GREEN STURGEON

- 8-11 sharp dorsal scutes
- Scutes behind vent
- Olive green to dark green back
- Dark stripe on each side and on belly
- Vent is located *between* the pelvic fins



PHOTO: J. DALY

## WHITE STURGEON

- 11-14 dull dorsal scutes
- No scutes behind vent
- Gray back shading into a white belly
- No dark stripe on sides or belly
- Vent is located *behind* the pelvic fins



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**If you accidentally hook a green sturgeon be prepared to catch and release with care.**

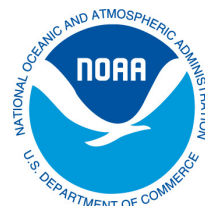
- **DON'T** remove a green sturgeon from the water.
- **DON'T** use a snare or gaff.
- **DON'T** play the fish to exhaustion.
- **Remove your hook quickly and release the sturgeon immediately.**
- **Hold the sturgeon facing the current until they are able to swim away.**

**Improper handling of a green sturgeon may result in enforcement action.**

To report potential violations, contact either:

**California Department of Fish and Wildlife CalTIP**  
**1-888-334-2258**

**NOAA Office of Law Enforcement**  
**1-800-853-1964**



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