

# Lake Sturgeon

## How to Handle Lake Sturgeon Like A Pro



Lake sturgeon are a species at risk and depend on your good handling skills as an angler to ensure no harm to the fish. Help care for these unique 'dinosaur' fish by following these tips!



### Tackle

- ✓ Heavy rods and reels.
- ✓ Fishing line greater than 30 lb. test.
- ✓ Remove the hook quickly with needle-nose pliers.
- ✗ Do not use pickerel rigs.



### Taking a photo?

Have your camera ready and get in the water with the fish or lean over the side of the boat.



### Keep fish wet!

- ✓ Leave sturgeon in the water. Get in the water with the fish.
- ✓ If you land a fish at the boat, release it from the boat.
- ✗ Do not drag a fish on to the shore.
- ✗ Don't pull a fish into the boat, and don't pull on a fish's gill plates, mouth, tail or pectoral fins.



### Handling

- ✓ Always hold fish horizontally and with two hands.
- ✓ Keep fingers away from the gills and out of the gill plates.
- ✗ Do not lift the fish out of the water or weigh a sturgeon. Use a length/weight calculator instead.