June 3-6: The Sturgeon Release Event is this week! Ask about volunteering at the event.

June 7: The Sturgeon Release Event! 2-year old hatchery sturgeon are about to be released into the Nechako River. Watch one of the Juvenile Sturgeon Release Events from years past.

June 10-15: Be proactive - make a check-list of stewardship actions you can take this summer. Review how sturgeon eat in Video 3 and link that to what you know about aquatic invertebrates.

June 24-30: Sturgeon have hatched into larvae. Use Stuart the larval sturgeon to expand on sturgeon development in the early stages.

July 9-15: Most of the eggs that were fertilized in May will now be fully formed juvenile sturgeon at roughly 3cm in length!

July 16-22: The early Stuart River sockeye salmon run. Think about species interactions happening now in the river. Download the Nature Guide to learn more and use all summer long!

August 1 onward: Check the sturgeon website to see if the hatchery opens to tours or take the summer time Virtual Tour. Make sure to stop and read any Interpretive signs you come across this summer!

March 4-8: Winter is slowly coming to an end and sturgeon will start migrating to the spawning grounds soon. Review the map of the watershed, watch Videos 3 & 6 and talk about sturgeon migration and land uses within their distribution.

March 11-15: Tour Time! Take a virtual tour of the hatchery during the spring!

April 8-12: This month the water will start to warm up. Sturgeon become active and want to feed. Explore Video 2 and sturgeon habitat and food.

April 15: Consider how human actions impact bears coming out of hibernation.

April 16-26: Crews are preparing to (1) release sturgeon into the Nechako, (2) capture adult sturgeon for this year’s brood program. Watch Video 1 and use the Spawn Monitoring worksheet.

May 13-17: Watch for buoys and boats on the river - they are checking for wild spawned sturgeon eggs. Watch Video 2 to learn more.

May 21-24: Spawning is happening at the hatchery and the river! Review Video 2 again and read about Anna before exploring further into cellular development in the early life stages of sturgeon.

May 27-31: As the water warms, invertebrates start to hatch. Take a water sample from a wetland and river - compare and contrast the invertebrates you find and explain the difference if any. Use the invertebrate guide from the Sturgeon Kit.

September 5: First day of school! Put up your calendar and bookmark it!

September 10-12: Sturgeon have lived since the age of dinosaurs and have been important to First Nations families for generations. Watch Video 6 to find the name for sturgeon in Dakelh, and then learn about sturgeon history and ‘Unet priorities’.

September 13-15: Researchers are gearing up for the Juvenile survey. Watch Video 7 and use the set-lines worksheet to learn more about this research.

September 18-22: Chinook salmon are migrating upstream. Watch Every Sturgeon Counts and then plan a field trip to the Stellako, Nautley, Stuart or Nechako Rivers to see spawning salmon.

September 24: BC Rivers Day: Take a Virtual Tour of the hatchery in the fall.

September 25-29: Invertebrates play an important role in the river ecosystem and riparian zone. Use the invertebrate cards from the Sturgeon Kit, or the Nature Guide and plan a field trip to a creek to get a closer look at aquatic invertebrates.

October 2-6: Bears are now feeding on the spawned salmon. Explore how these interactions in the watershed are important for biodiversity.

October 8-21: All hatchery sturgeon are getting PIT tags implanted this month. ‘Cupcake’ is a great example of how effective PIT tags are in research.

November 6-8: Researchers have completed their fall Juvenile Monitoring program. Check the Where is My Fish website for recaptures from this fall.

November 9-10: The water temperature in the hatchery is lowering to match river temperatures. Watch Video 1 and view Culturist to learn more.

November 28: Watch Video 5 and think about how human actions impact the watershed where live.