The Nechako White Sturgeon are found in the waters of the Nechako River watershed - including Fraser Lake!

**Sturgeon Body FACTS!**
- they live to 100 years old and can grow over 3 m in length.
- the 'heterocercal' shaped tail (larger top than bottom) tells us they are strong swimmers that stay close to the bottom.
- their flat head and 4 barbels mean they are primarily bottom feeders.
- their 5 rows of scutes are used for protection.

**Fraser Lake**

SURFACE AREA: 54.6 km²  
MEAN DEPTH: 13.5 m

The Nechako River watershed is 52,000 km². The Fraser Lake sub-basin is 2,261 km² (includes Burns Lake). Fraser Lake empties into the Nechako River via the Nautley River - the shortest river in BC.

Sturgeon reside in Fraser Lake. During winter the lake is covered in ice, and sturgeon move to deep areas and become inactive.

When the water is warmer sturgeon start to feed on other fish species including salmon. Chinook and sockeye salmon migrate through Fraser Lake in the late summer and fall.

Recent imagery shows a white sturgeon at a depth of roughly 9m in Fraser Lake; this fish is over 3m long.