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LAKE STURGEON PASSAGE AT FIVE HYDROELECTRIC DAMS ON THE MENOMINEE RIVER



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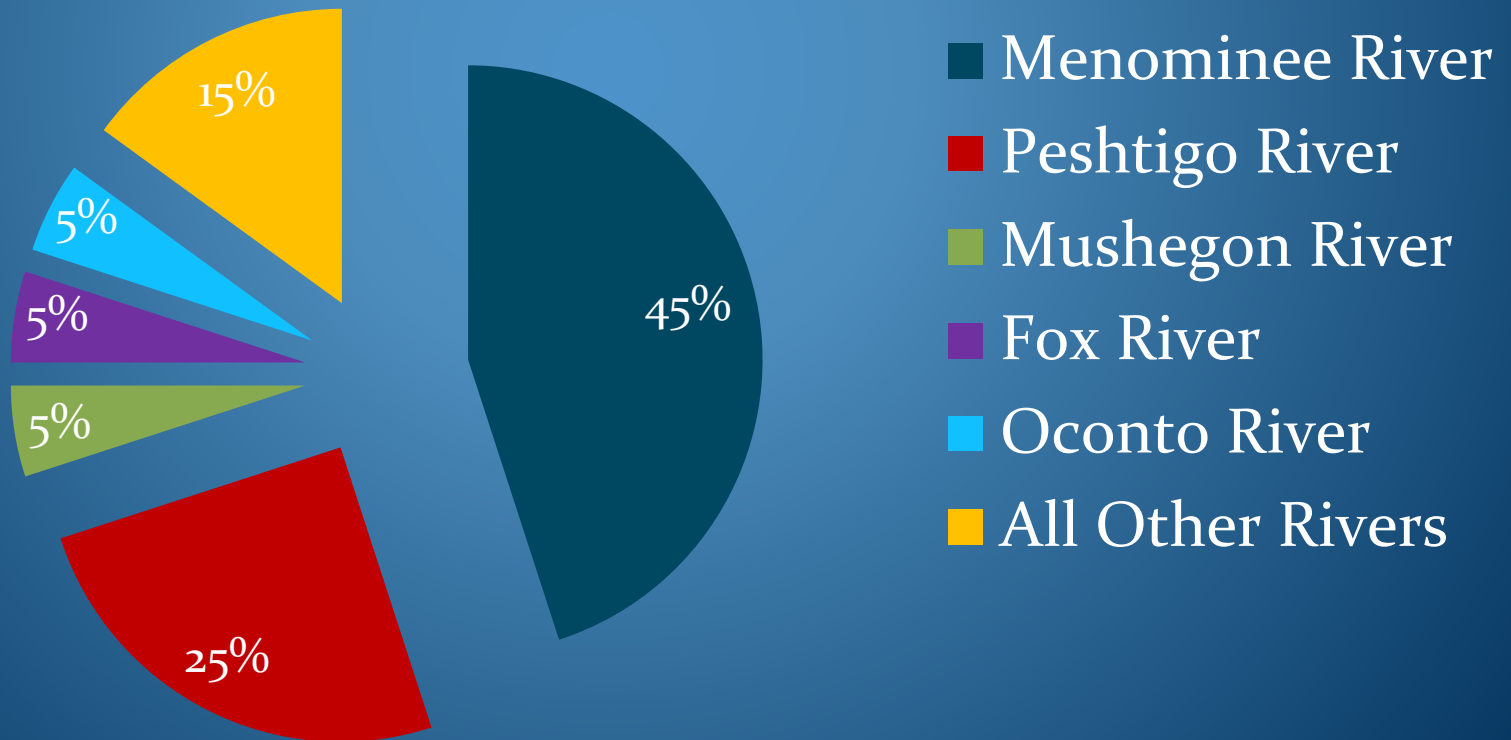
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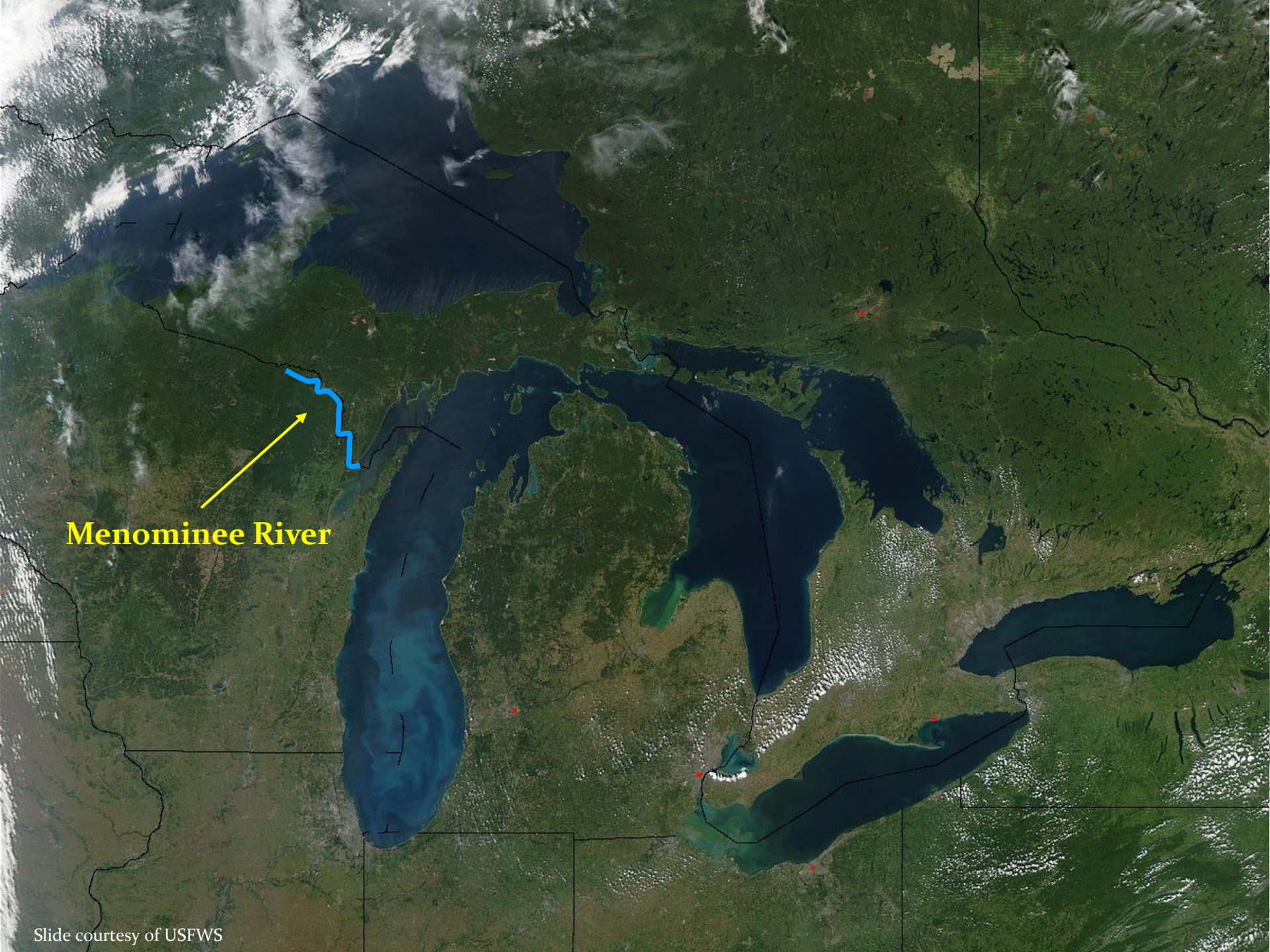
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PROJECT BACKGROUND

Lake Michigan Tributary Rivers with Known Sturgeon Spawning





Menominee River

BENEFITS OF STURGEON PASSAGE ON THE MENOMINEE RIVER



- Currently Available Habitat
 - 2.75 miles of river
 - Currently produces few fish
- Passage at Menominee and Park Mill
 - Would open 21 miles of river
- Passage at Grand Rapids
 - Would open 30 miles of river
- Passage at White Rapids and Chalk Hill
 - Would open 32 miles of river

FISH PASSAGE FEASIBILITY STUDY

Project Team

- Engineers
- Fishery Biologists
- Regulatory Specialists
- Economists
- Ecologists
- Archaeologists

Scope of Work

- Identify Fish Passage Alternatives
- Review Engineering Feasibility
- Review Hydrology and Hydraulics
- Review Costs and Economics
- Review Habitat Benefits
- Review Historical and Cultural Impacts
- Review Real Estate Constraints

FISH PASSAGE FEASIBILITY STUDY

Alternatives Considered for Sturgeon Passage

- Upstream Passage
 - Fish Elevators
 - Nature-like Fishways
 - Pool and Weir Fishways
 - Dam Removal
 - Trap and Transport
- Downstream Passage
 - Close Spaced Trash Racks
 - Angled Bar Racks
 - Exclusion Nets
 - Louver Structures
 - Induced Flow Devices
 - Surface Bypass
 - Submerged Orifice Bypass
 - Transport Pipes
 - Transport Flumes

FISH PASSAGE FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Three Rules of Fish Passage Planning

- LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION
 - Fish Behavior
 - Guided By Flow
 - Guided By Natural Bathymetry or Man Made Structure
 - Site Layout Considerations
 - Bathymetry and Topography
 - Existing Structures
 - Existing Operations
 - Real Estate Considerations

FISH PASSAGE FEASIBILITY STUDY

Screening of Alternatives

- Effectiveness
 - Fish Passage Effectiveness
 - Effect on Hydro Project Operations
- Efficiency
 - Construction Cost
 - Operations and Maintenance Cost
- Acceptability
 - Flood Impacts
 - Environmental Constraints
 - Historical and Cultural Constraints

FISH PASSAGE FEASIBILITY STUDY

Selected Alternatives

- Fishway 1 – Menominee & Park Mill
 - Downstream Passage – Close Spaced Inclined Bar Racks and Surface Bypass
- Fishway 2 – Grand Rapids
 - Upstream Passage – Fish Lift in Tailrace
 - Downstream Passage – Existing Bar Racks and Surface Bypass
- Fishway 3 – White Rapids & Chalk Hill
 - Upstream Passage – Fish Lift in Tailrace
 - Downstream Passage – Close Spaced Bar Racks and Submerged Bypass

MENOMINEE & PARK MILL DAMS (FISHWAY 1)

Lake Michigan

Menominee, MI

Marinette, WI

Menominee Dam

Wisconsin

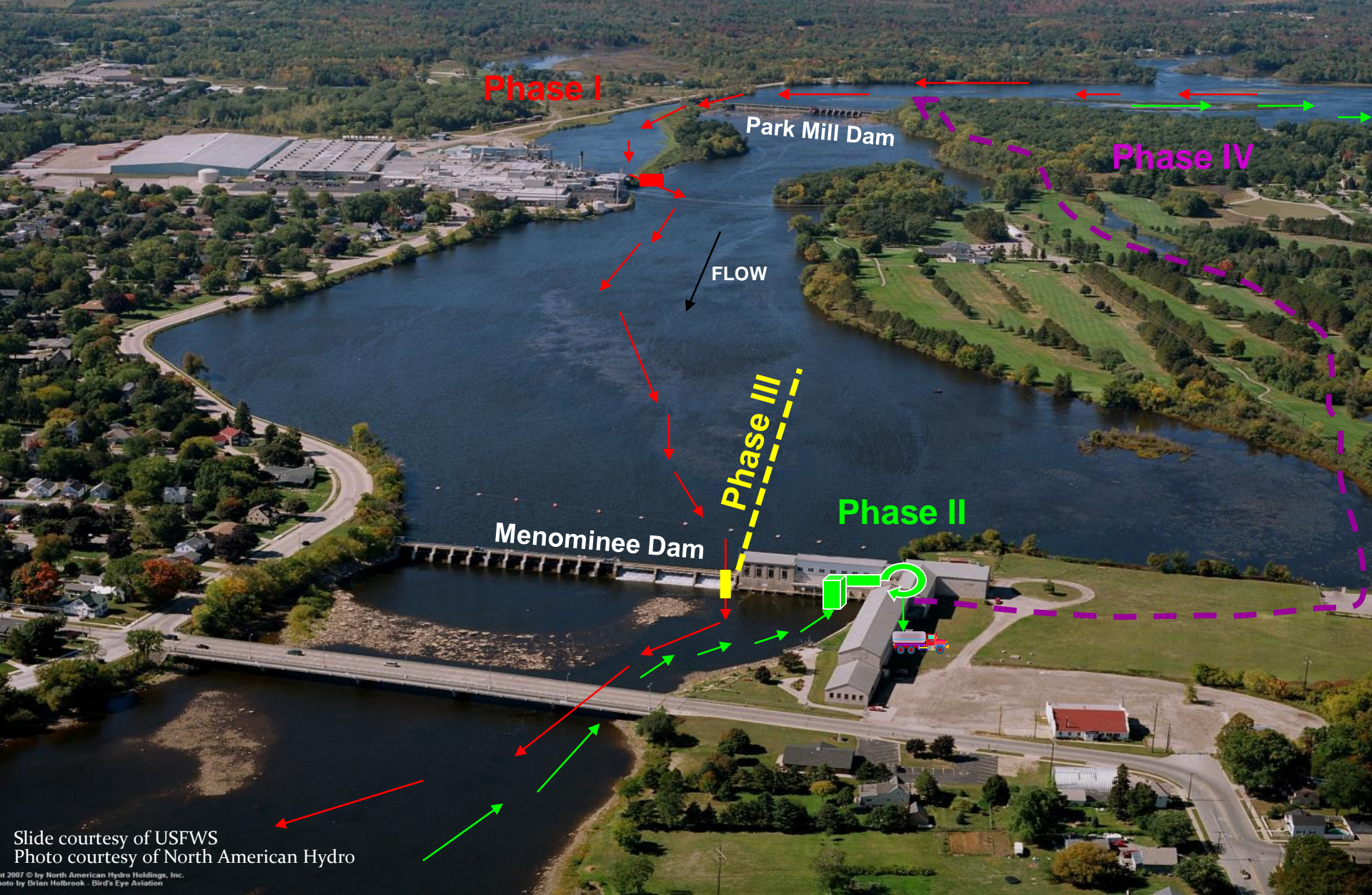
Flow

Michigan

Park Mill Dam



FOUR PHASE FISH PASSAGE AND PROTECTION PLAN



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GRAND RAPIDS DAM (FISHWAY 2)









NOTICE
RESTRICTED
PERSONNEL ONLY



WATER LEVELS
CHANGE RAPIDLY DUE
TO WINDS PLANT
OPERATIONS

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WHITE RAPIDS & CHALK HILL DAMS (FISHWAY 3)



WHITE RAPIDS DAM



CHALK HILL DAM



CHALK HILL DAM



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WHITE RAPIDS DAM



Fishway 1

Menominee – Park Mills

Downstream Alternative: Incline rack with surface bypass



Available Habitat:

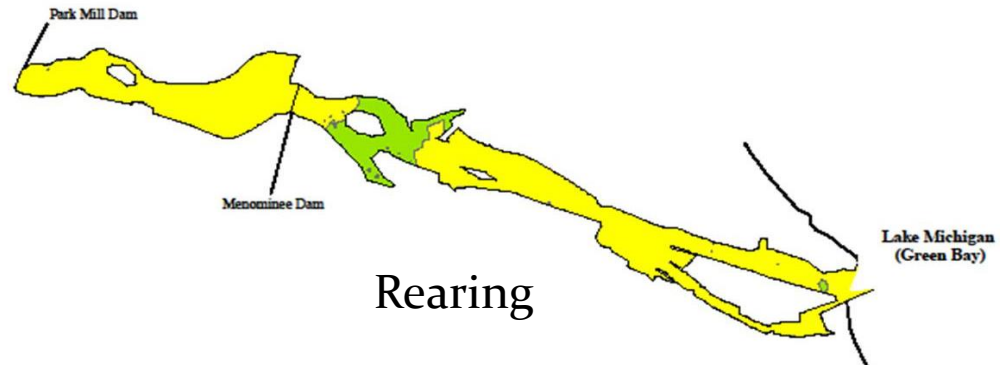
<i>Excellent</i>	spawning habitat: 59 acres,	juvenile habitat: 1,742 acres
<i>Good</i>	spawning habitat: 706 acres,	juvenile habitat: 0 acres
<i>Fair</i>	spawning habitat: 0 acres,	juvenile habitat: 0 acres

Number of lake sturgeon above Park Mills:

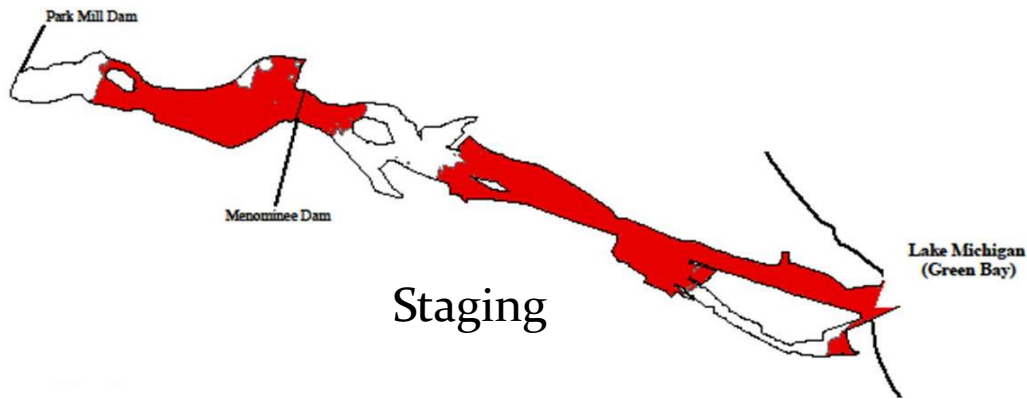
Total length (cm)	<u>2011</u>	
<91	1,362	(1,152-1,572)
>91	713	(603-822)
>107	483	(396-571)
>127	166	(129-203)

Number of lake sturgeon below Menominee:

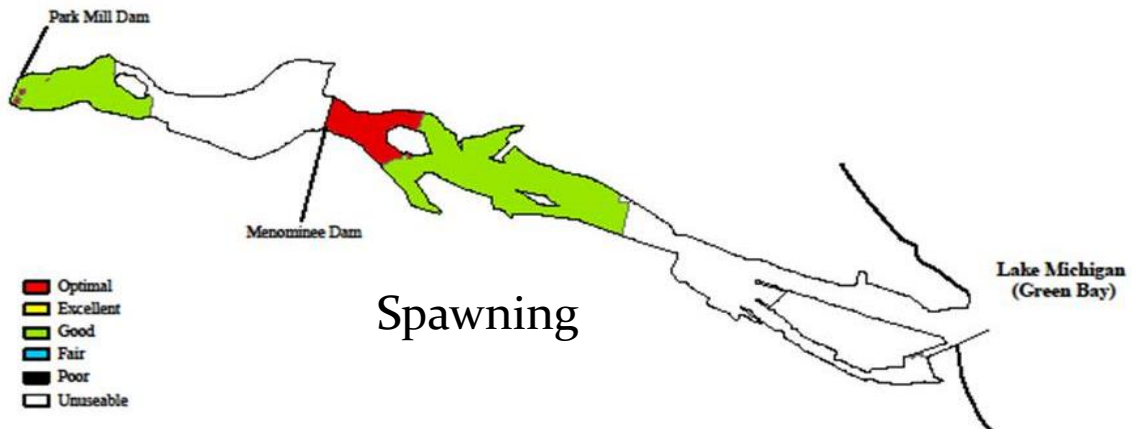
Total length (cm)	<u>2009</u>	
>91	2,455	(2,214-2,738)
>107	2,286	(2,060-2,553)
>127	1,181	(1,051-1,338)



Rearing



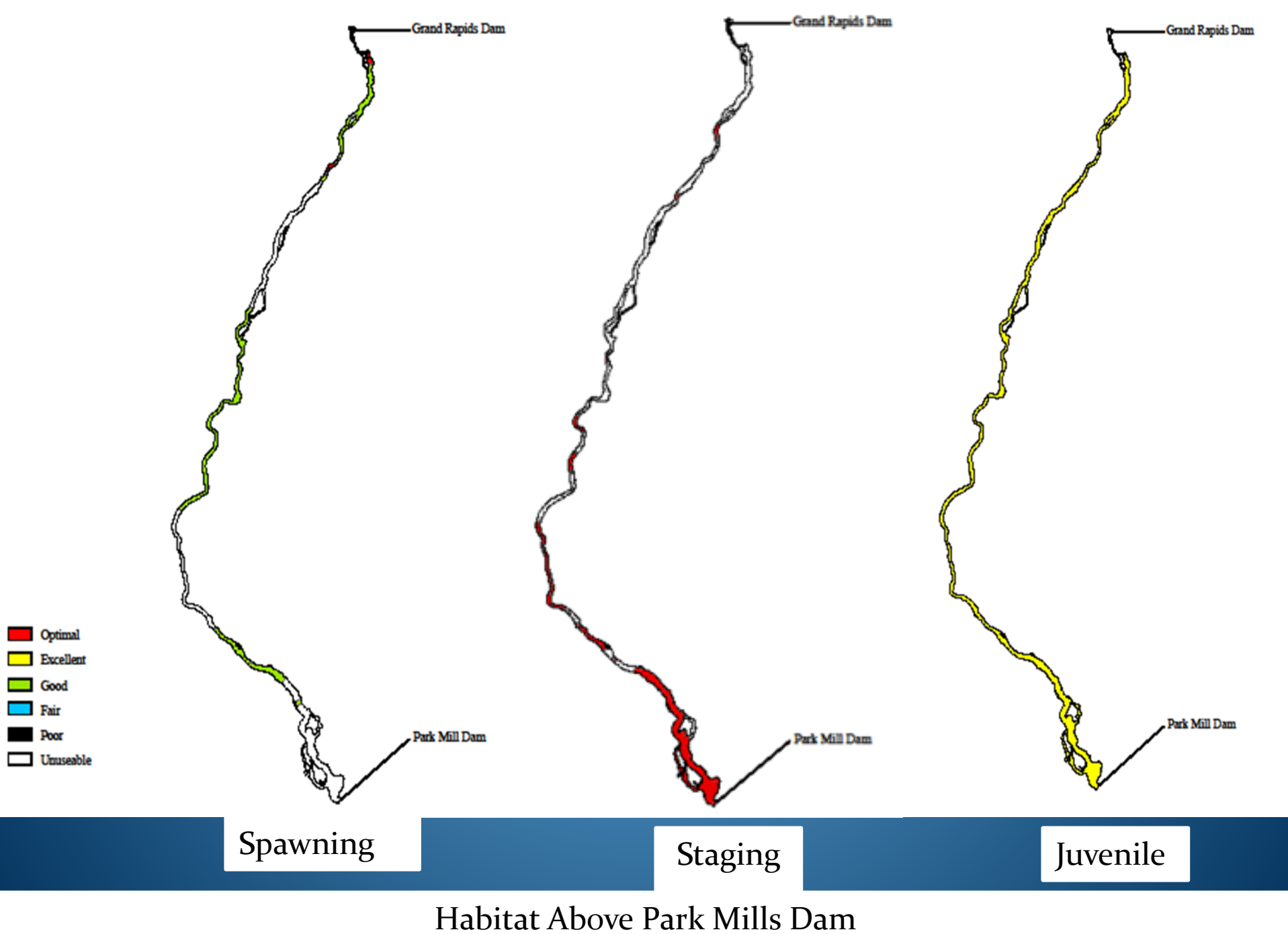
Staging



Spawning

- Optimal
- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Unuseable

Habitat Above and Below Menominee Dam



Fishway 2 Grand Rapids

Upstream Alternative:
Fish Lift

Downstream Alternative:
Existing Trash Racks and Surface Bypass



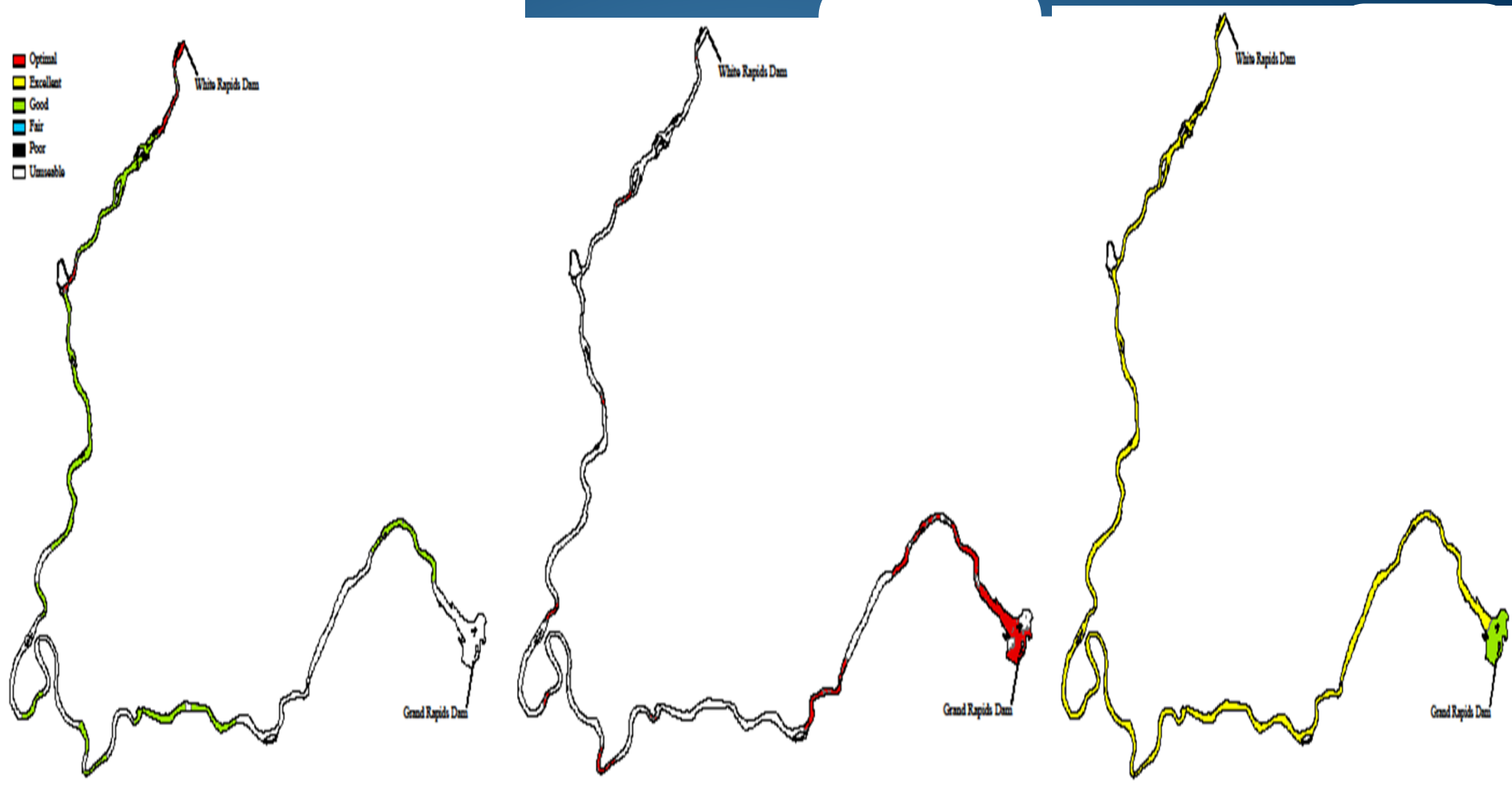
Available Habitat:

<i>Excellent</i>	spawning habitat: 100 acres,	juvenile habitat: 1,593 acres
<i>Good</i>	spawning habitat: 784 acres,	juvenile habitat: 166 acres
<i>Fair</i>	spawning habitat: 0 acres,	juvenile habitat: 0 acres

Number of lake sturgeon above Grand Rapids:

Total length (cm)	<u>2009</u>	
>91	2,627	(2,376-2,925)
>107	1,782	(1,602-2,001)
>127	572	(470-717)

- Optimal
- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Unusable



Spawning

Staging

Rearing

Habitat Above Grand Rapids Dam

Fishway 3

White Rapids – Chalk Hill

Upstream Alternative:

Fish Lift

Downstream Alternatives:

New Close Spaced Trash Racks and Submerged Orifice Bypass

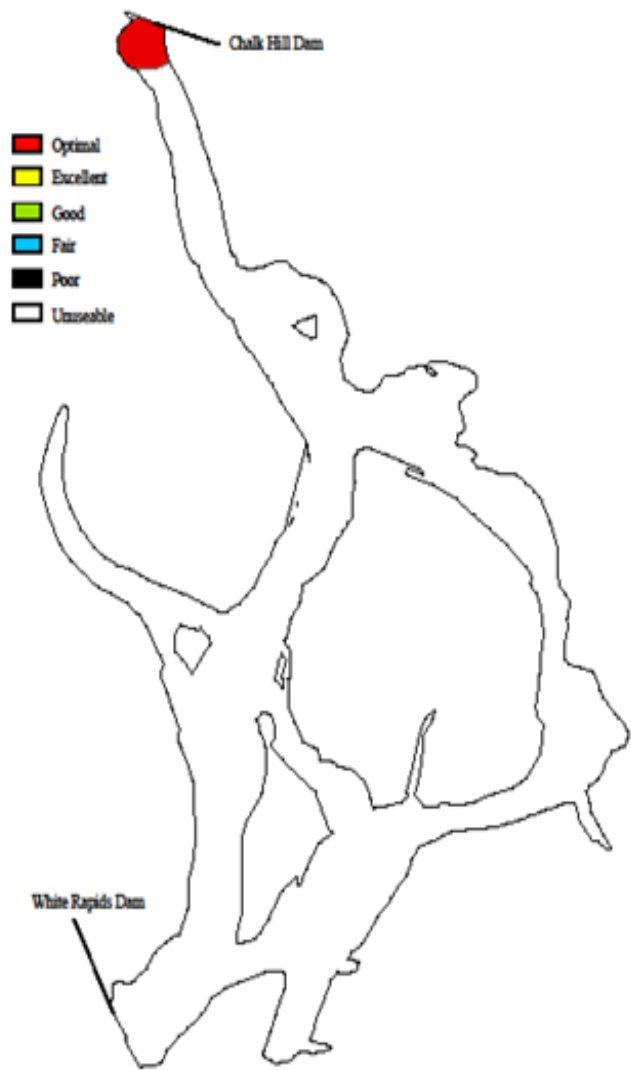
Available Habitat:

<i>Excellent</i>	spawning habitat: 78 acres,	juvenile habitat: 1,592 acres
<i>Good</i>	spawning habitat: 664 acres,	juvenile habitat: 842 acres
<i>Fair</i>	spawning habitat: 98 acres,	juvenile habitat: 0 acres

Number of lake sturgeon above White Rapids:

Total length (cm)	<u>1970</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1990</u>
<107	2,680	2,543	2,423
>107	185	206	733
>127	115	105	320
>140	57	45	121
>152	20	9	53
>165	2	0	9

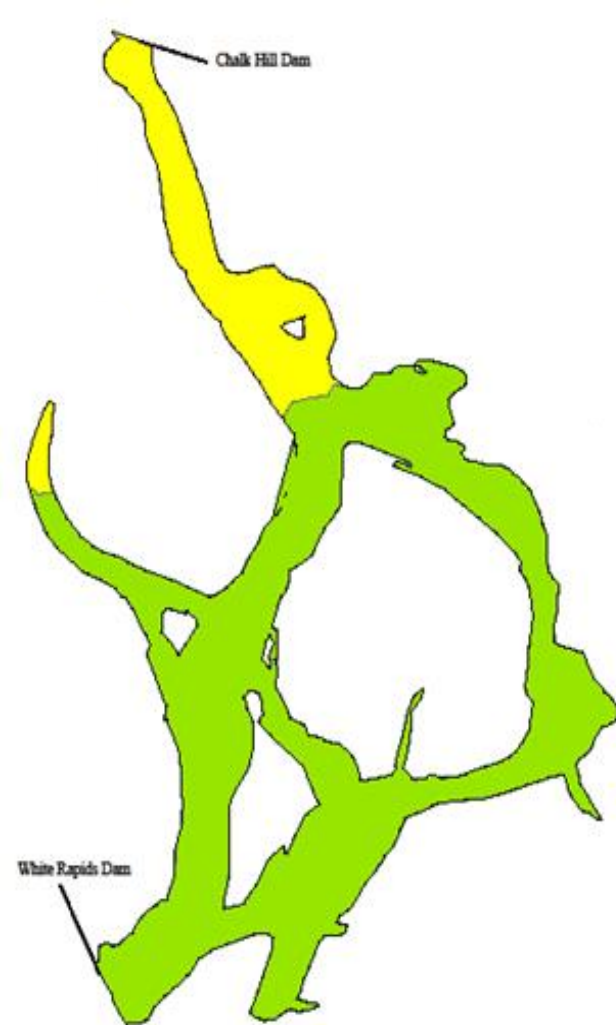




Spawning



Staging



Juvenile

Habitat Above White Rapids Dam



Spawning



Staging

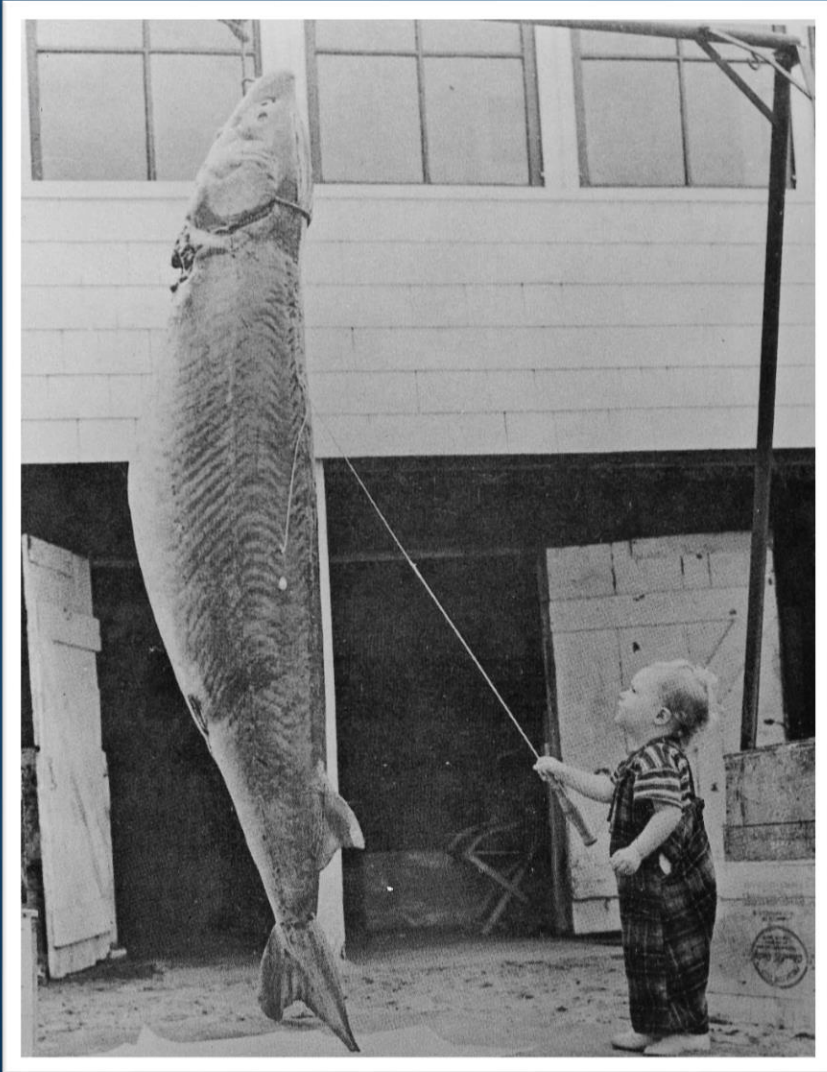


Juvenile



Habitat Above Chalk Hill Dam

QUESTIONS



Menominee River Fish
Passage Partnership Video

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