

“Habitat Use of Juvenile Lake Sturgeon in the Winnipeg River”

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This project involved netting and tagging juvenile lake sturgeon in order to determine habitat preferences. MSA students were involved in gill netting and tagging sturgeon in the Winnipeg River during the month of July. This was done between Slave Falls and the Seven Sisters dam at four different sites. Nets were set and left for 24 hours. By looking at different environmental conditions (such as depth and substrate composition) in each site and the overall number of fish caught there, students were able to get an idea of sturgeon habitat preference.

This project allowed students to gain experience in boat safety, fish handling techniques, and equipment handling techniques (such as setting and pulling nets).



Project team meets at the Welcome Reception At the Wilderness Edge on July 2nd. (L to R) Student Scott Bergson, Dr. Steve Peake, Tutor Claire Hrenchuk and Student Rebekah Vickery.



Project team delivers information about their research to attendees of the MSA Open House on July 19th.

