

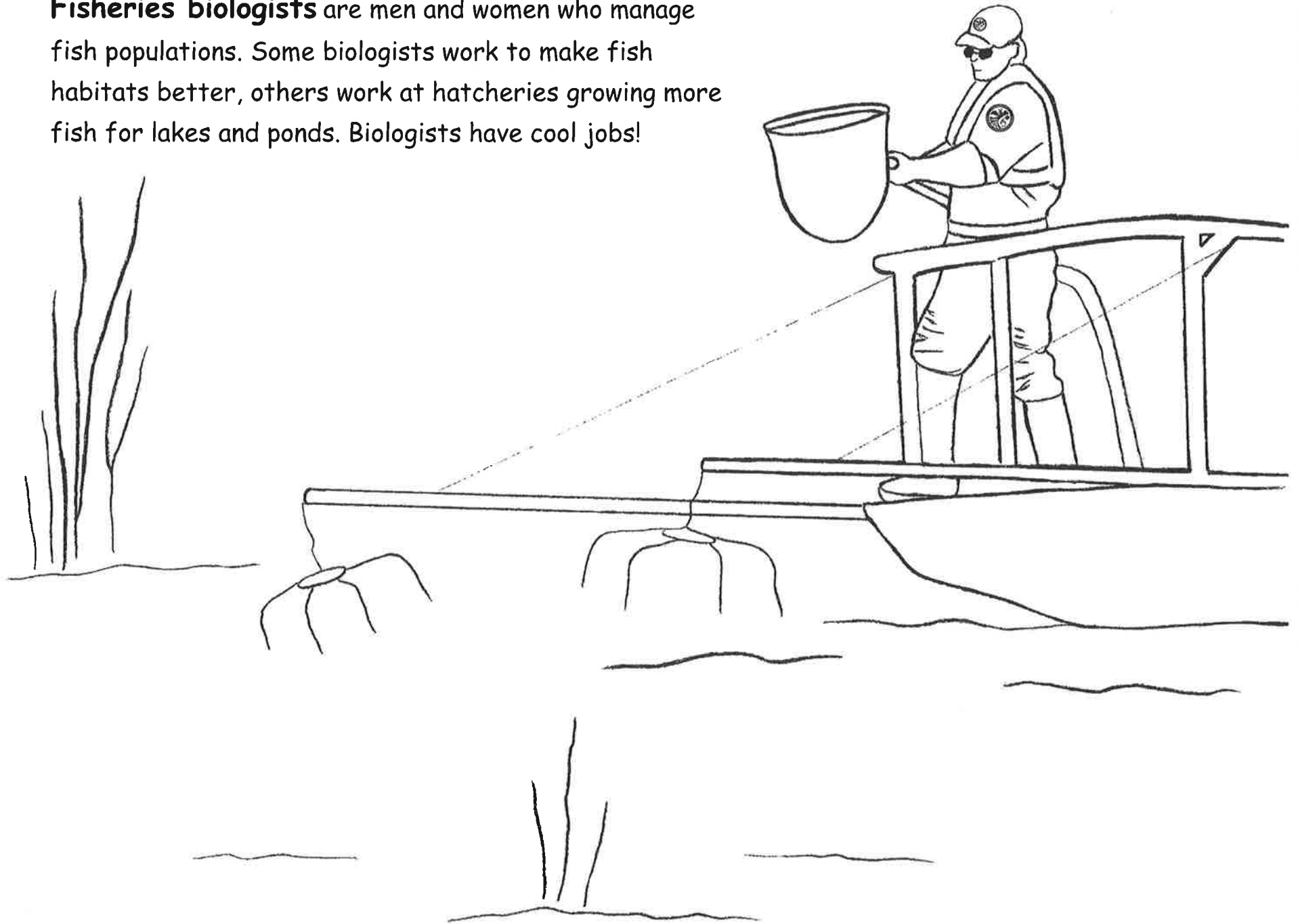


Fishing Fun!

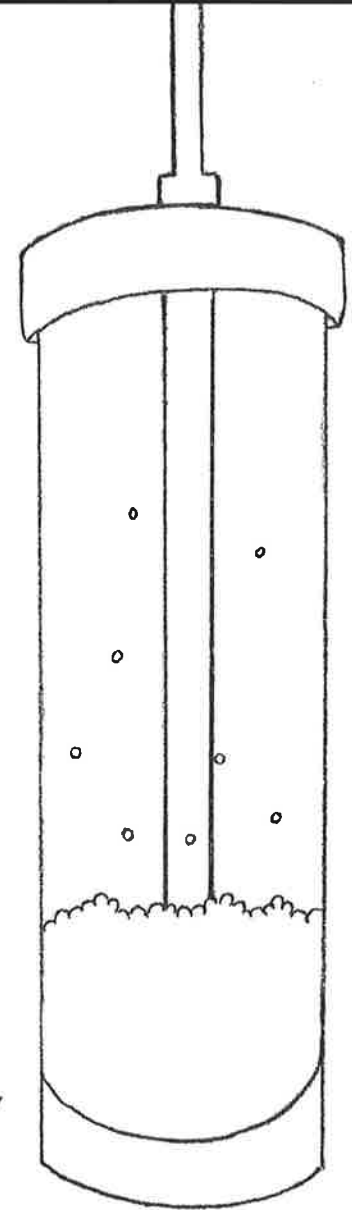
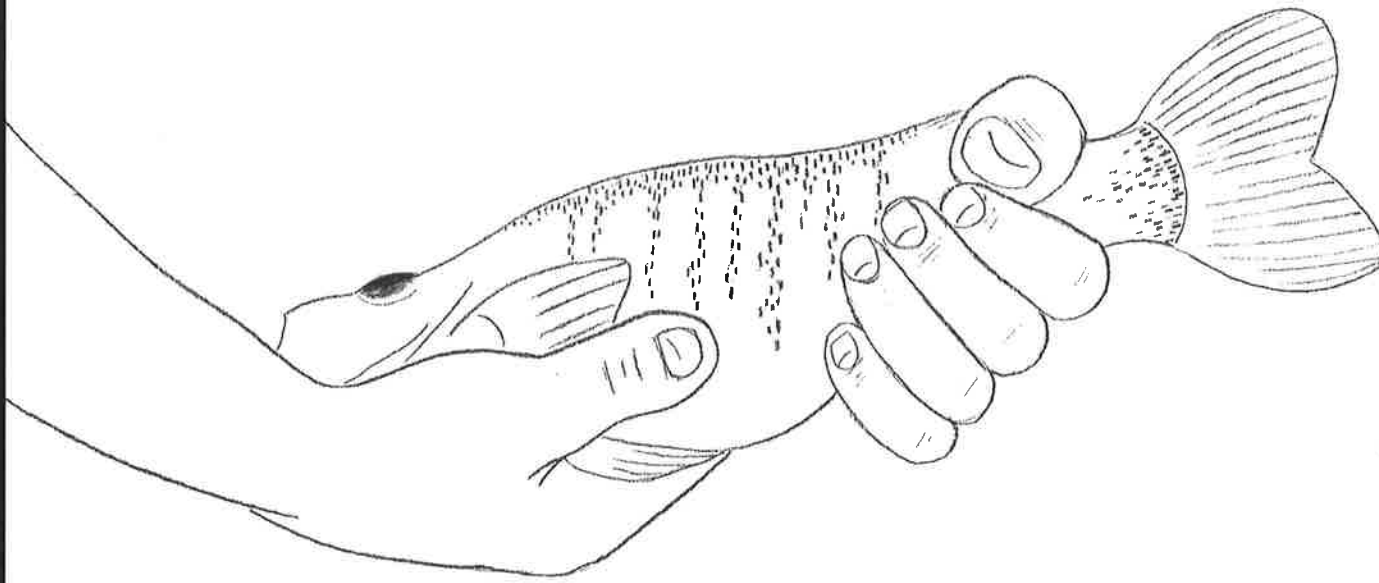
Activity Book



Fisheries biologists are men and women who manage fish populations. Some biologists work to make fish habitats better, others work at hatcheries growing more fish for lakes and ponds. Biologists have cool jobs!

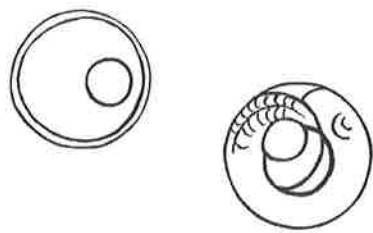


What is a hatchery? A hatchery is a place where fish eggs are collected and kept until they hatch. The young fish are fed and cared for in the hatchery until they grow bigger.



A hatching jar is a place where fish eggs are kept until they hatch.

Fish **eggs** are kept inside the hatchery. Newly hatched fish are called **fry**. They are very small. The fry grow larger in hatchery ponds. These larger fish are called **fingerlings** because they are the size of your finger!



Fish Eggs



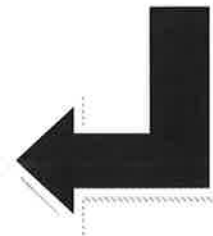
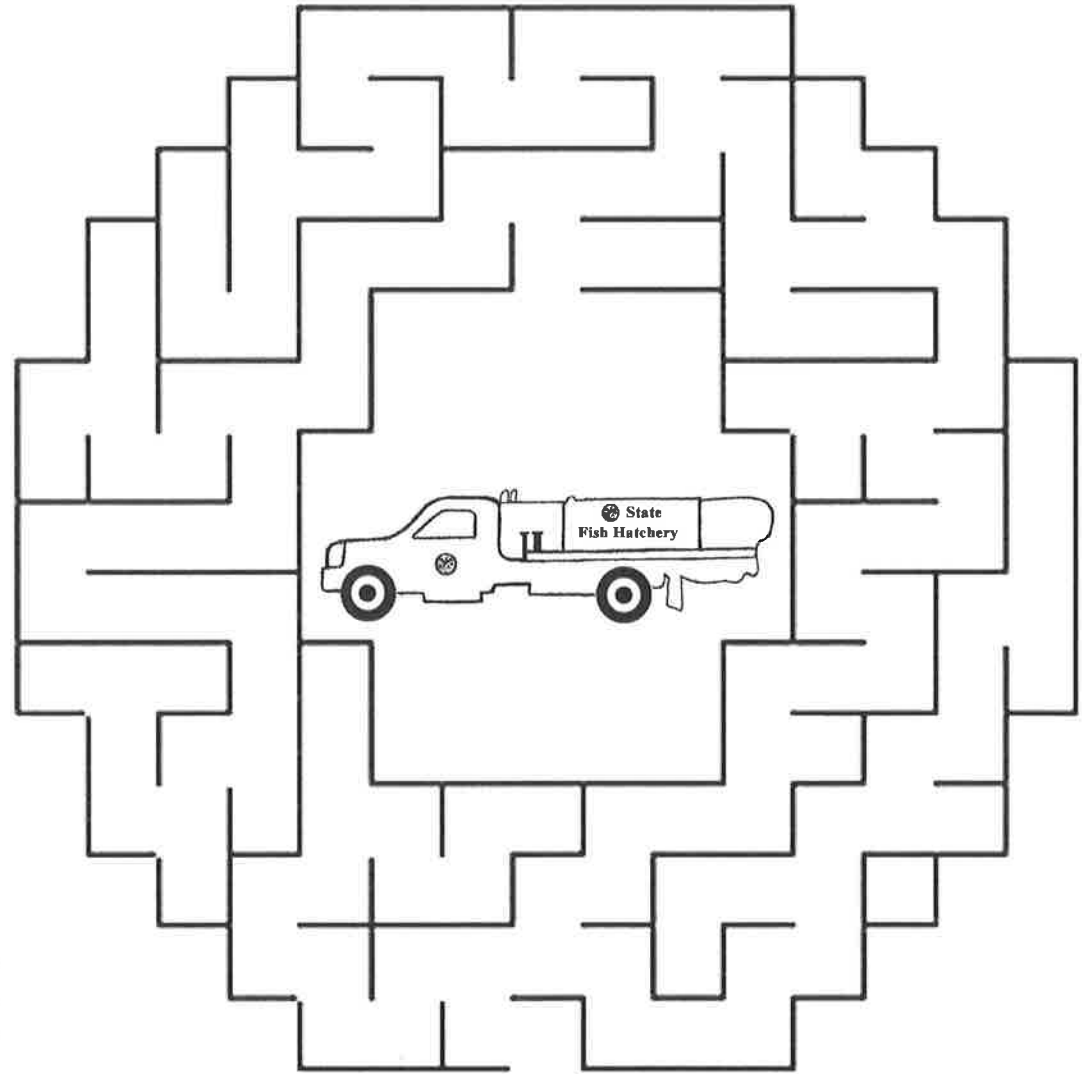
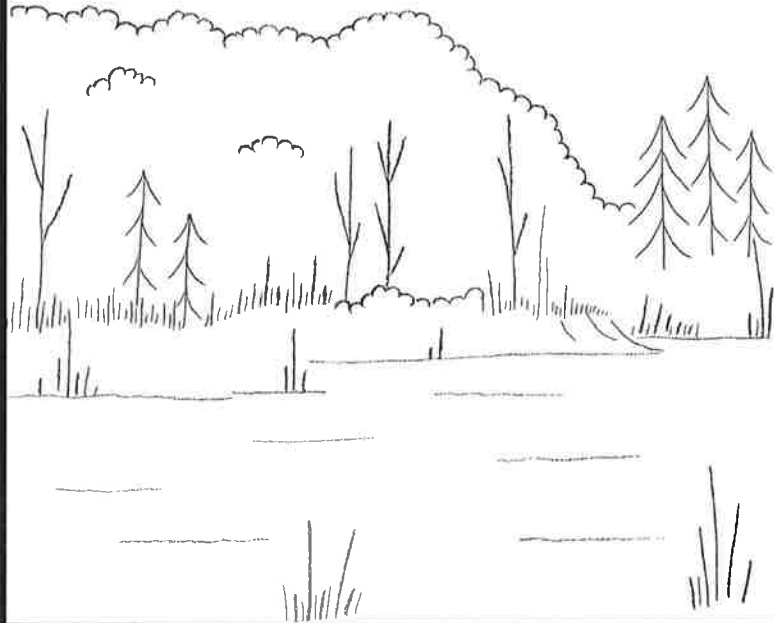
Fry



Fingerlings

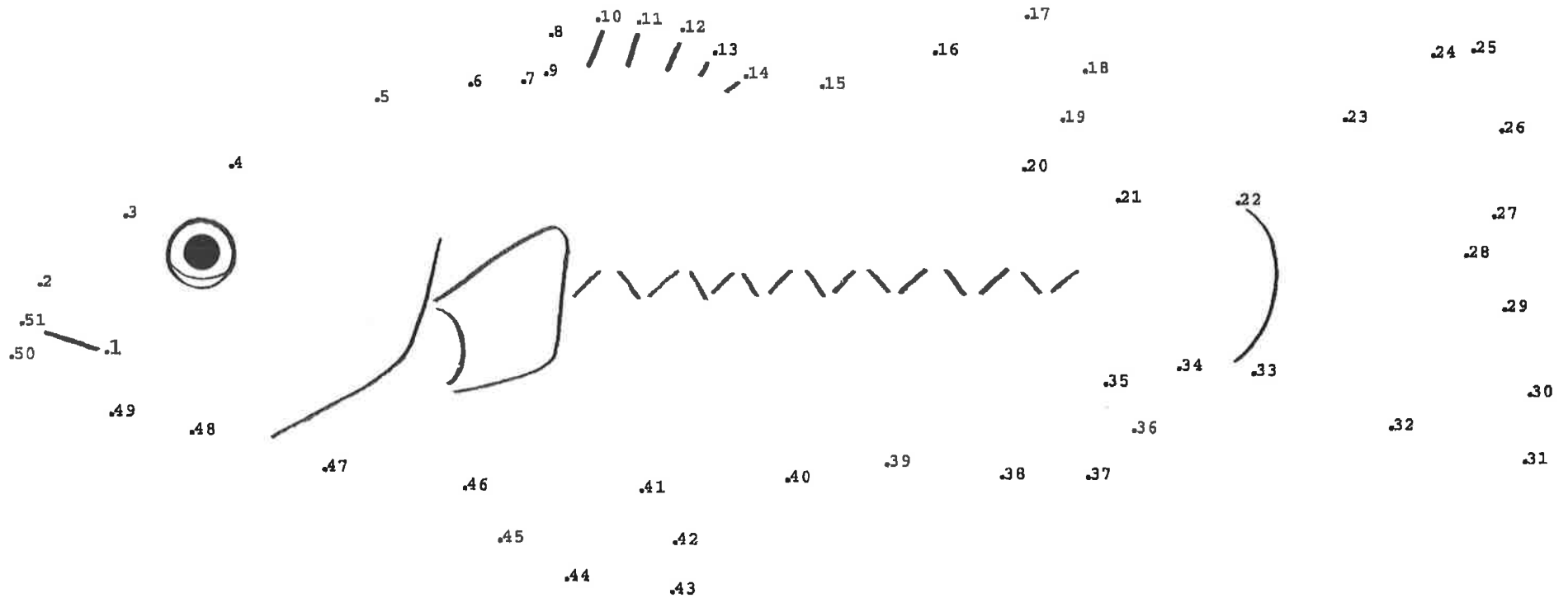
Fingerlings are taken out of hatchery ponds in the fall. Workers put thousands of fish into a truck and take them to lakes and ponds across the state.

**The hatchery truck is full of fish.
Help this truck find the lake!**



The North Mississippi Fish Hatchery raises largemouth bass every year!

Help this bass find its shape!



Use the Code to find the Answers!

1. How many fish does the hatchery raise each year?

20	23	15

13	9	12	12	9	15	14

6	9	19	8

2. What do all fish have?

6	9	14	19

7	9	12	12	19

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19	11	5	12	5	20	15	14

3. What is our state fish?

12	1	18	7	5	13	15	21	20	8

2	1	19	19



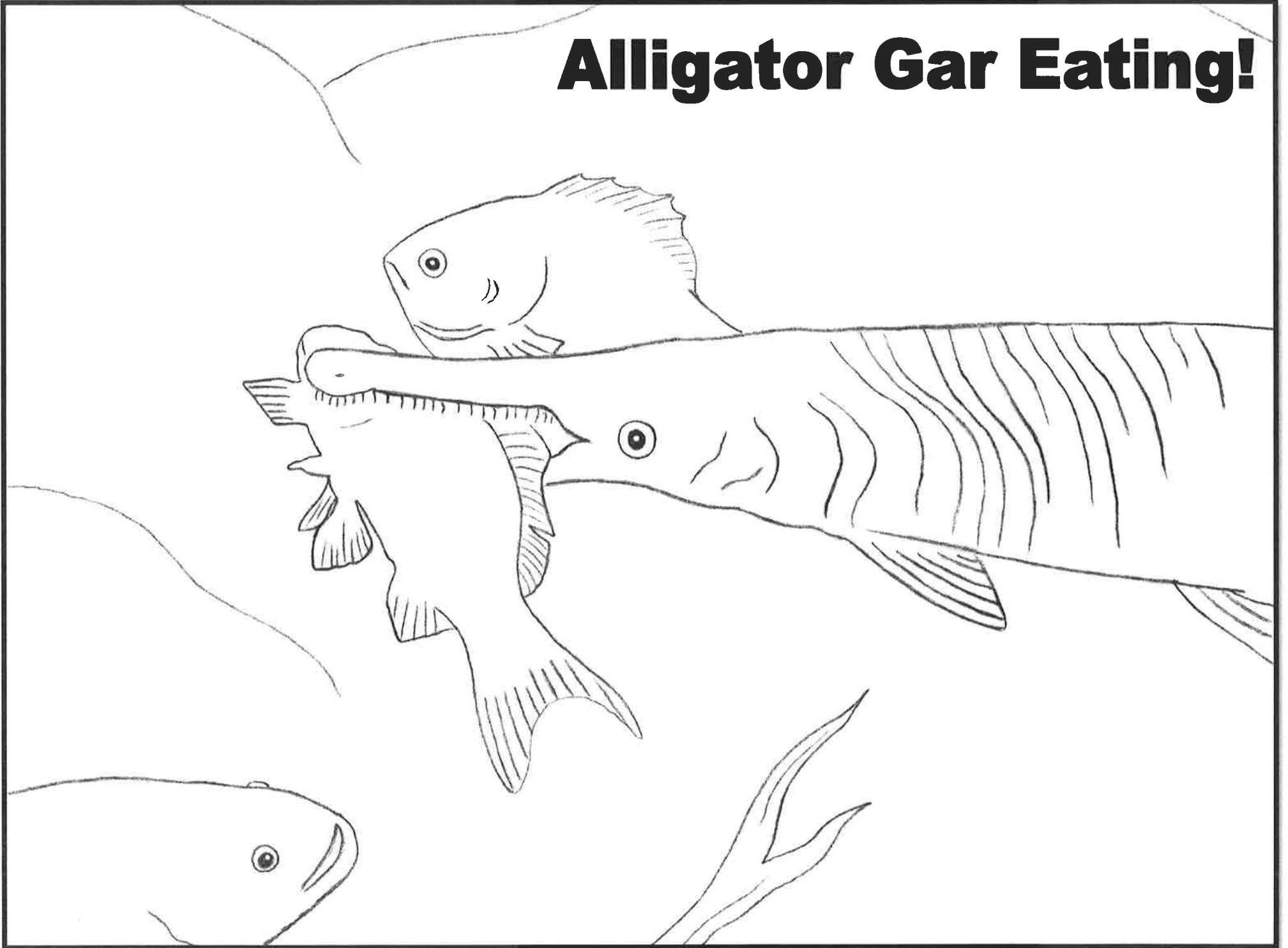
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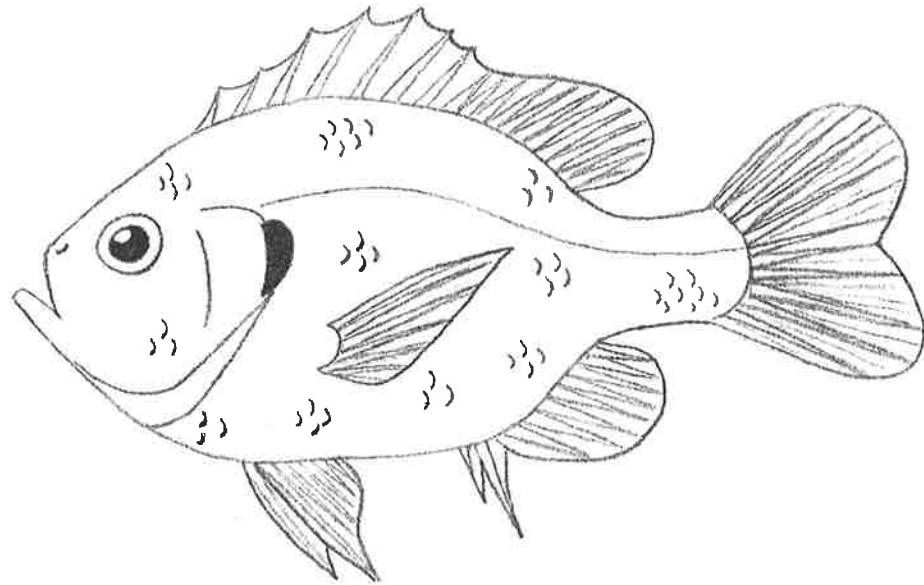
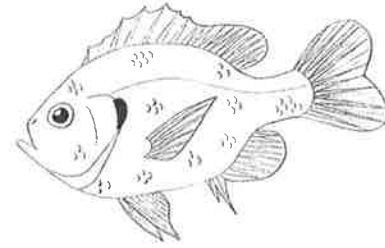
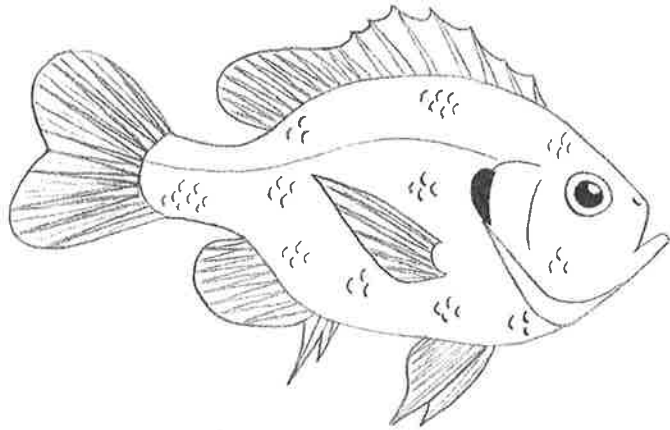
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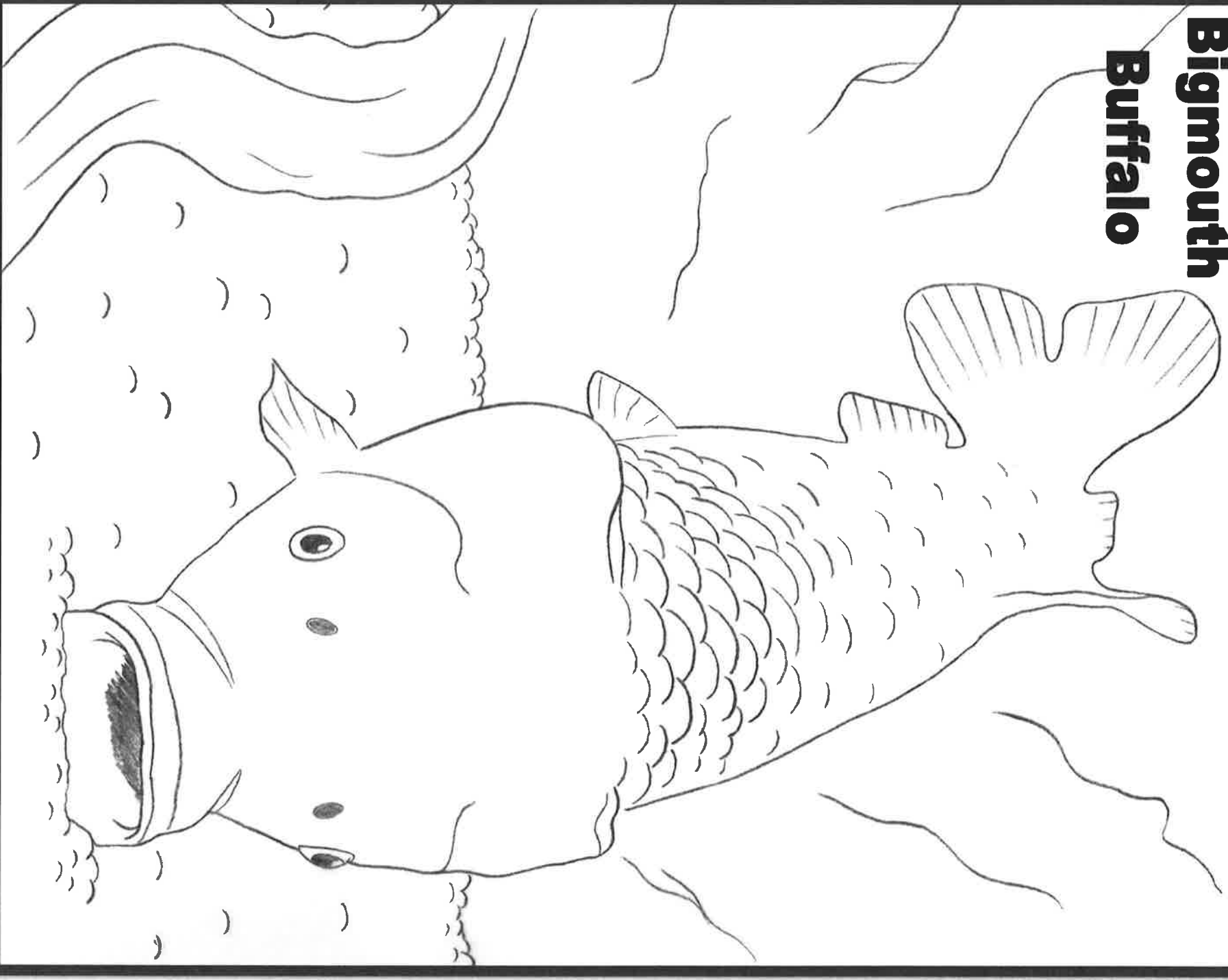
Alligator Gar Eating!



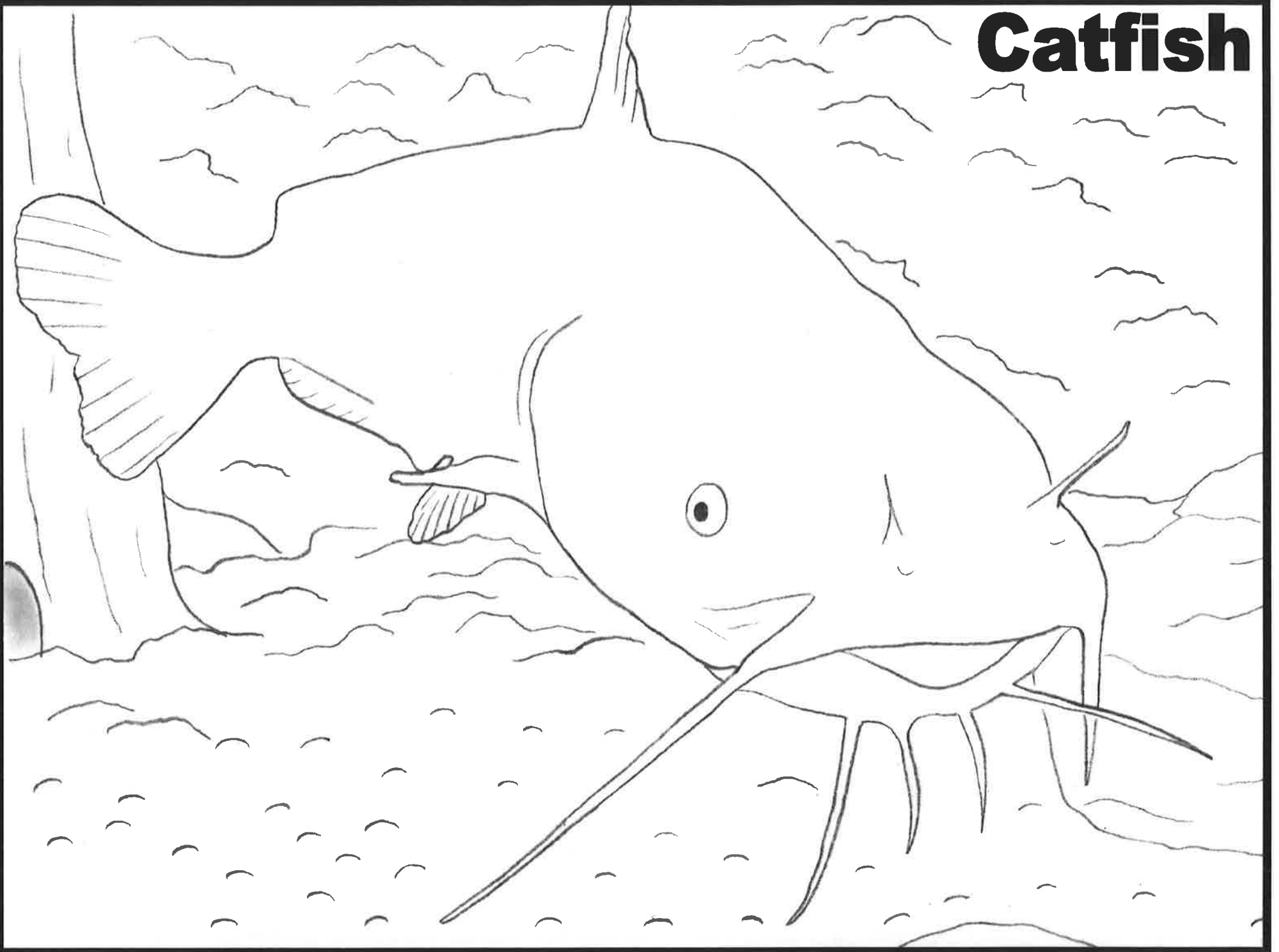
Bluegill



Bigmouth Buffalo



Catfish



Mississippi Fish

Find the names of these freshwater fish in Mississippi!

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r b u f f a l o l p a r t p l
p a n d r h a b l s l a r a h
t o e p r n r l i o u g a t a
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a n l e e r e t a w h s e r f
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alligator gar
catfish
walleye
largemouth bass
buffalo
drum
bowfin
longnose gar
white crappie
black crappie
freshwater eel
shortnose gar
redeer
spotted gar
longear sunfish
carp



Draw a picture of your last fishing trip. If you have never been fishing before, use your imagination and draw a picture of you catching a big fish!





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