

Social Media Coordinator: Maria Scarborough works for the Gun Lake Tribe in Southwest Michigan with a focus on their lake sturgeon rehabilitation program. They use a streamside rearing facility to help bolster a population that has no known natural recruitment. In 2023 she started an MS program as a part-time student at Grand Valley State University, researching whether gear bias influences the ability to detect spatio-temporal patterns of fish assemblages in Great Lakes drowned river mouth lakes. Though her research has moved away from sturgeon, her passion has not. She continues to work with the fish professionally and aims to use the skills gained from her MS to aid long-term restoration efforts.