

Eulachon of the Fraser River

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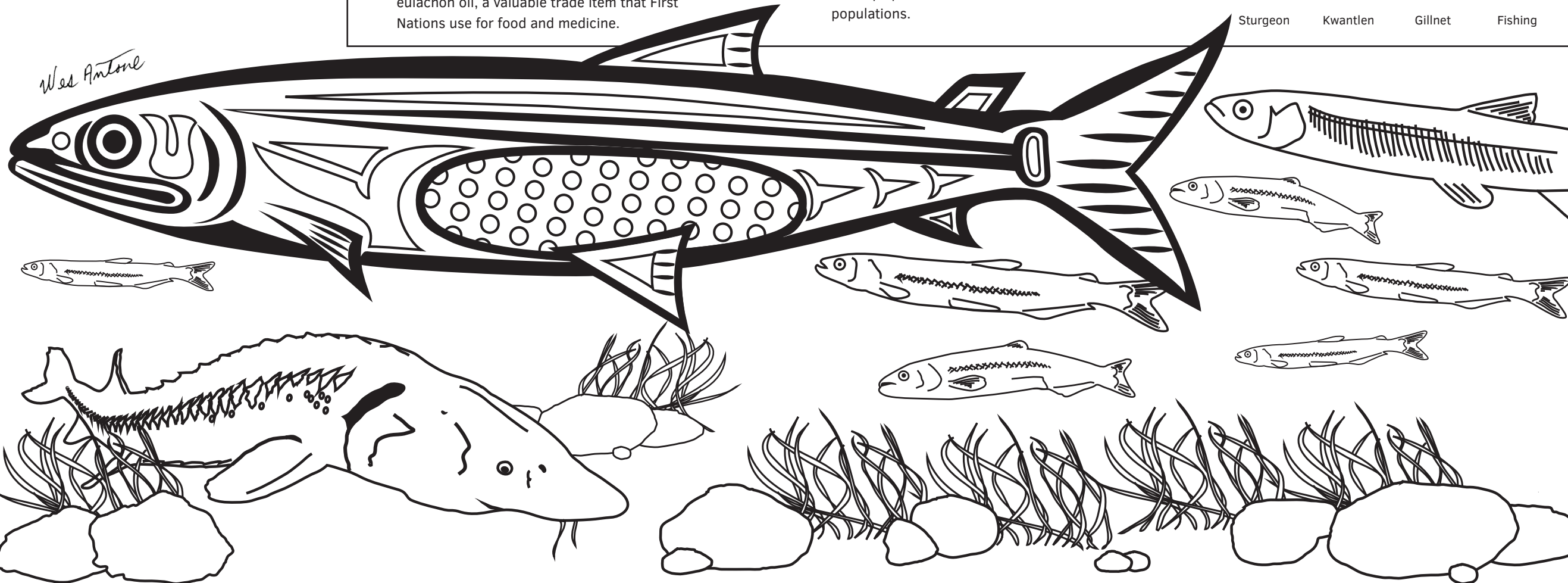
- » həŋqəmiḥəḥ is the traditional language of the Kwantlen people whose territory spans from Mission to Richmond, BC.
- » Eulachon are a small smelt fish that live in the Salish Sea for 3-5 years, and spawn upriver every spring.
- » swíwə is həŋqəmiḥəḥ for eulachon, and it refers to their shiny scales that could be seen shimmering from hilltops as they swam up the Fraser River in great numbers in the past.
- » Eulachon are a very important fish to First Nations along the coast of BC. They are a traditional food source that have been caught for thousands of years, and are the source of eulachon oil, a valuable trade item that First Nations use for food and medicine.

- » Another name for eulachon is candlefish. They got this name because of their high oil content. When they are dried and fitted with a wick they can be lit like a candle!
- » Eulachon are an endangered species and their numbers have declined in recent years. This change has impacted the entire ecosystem that relies on them for food, including the White Sturgeon.
- » It's important to take care of all the local streams in our region, from the Fraser River to small unnamed creeks. When we take care of our environment, we help species like the eulachon rebuild their populations.

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