

# Sturgeon Returning to the Suwannee

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The following article is from the May 16, 2019 Lake City Reporter, and it can be seen [at this link](#). Although not often, these fish sometimes enter the lower Santa Fe also and can be dangerous.

Comments by OSFR historian Jim Tatum.

-A river is like a life: once taken, it cannot be brought back-

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*From staff reports*

Gulf sturgeon have begun their annual migration back into the Suwannee River, and Florida Fish

and Wildlife Conservation Commission officials want boaters to be aware that these jumping fish can injure people.

Leaping prehistoric beasts can cause serious injury, even death.

During 2018, only one sturgeon encounter with a boat was reported. There were no injuries to the boaters involved. Although no inju-

ries were reported last year, FWC officials don't want the boating community to become complacent about the dangers posed by jumping Gulf sturgeon.

"We don't want even one person to be injured in an encounter with the fish," said Maj. Andy Krause, FWC regional commander. "We want people to be aware the sturgeon are back in the Suwannee and that the risk of injury to boaters does exist."

A 5-year-old Trenton girl was killed by a leaping sturgeon in 2015.



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A sturgeon leaps from the Suwannee River.

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