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Attached are the Incidental Take Report and Data Collection Form for an Atlantic sturgeon collected on 07/08/2020 at the Salem Generating Station cooling water intake. This incidental take is authorized under Biological Opinion NER-2010-6581.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. Thanks.

Ken

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### Appendix C, Part 2A (Sturgeon)

*Photographs should be taken and the following information should be collected from all sturgeon (alive and dead). Please submit all necropsy results (including sex and stomach contents) to NMFS upon receipt. You must also complete and submit the "Sturgeon Data Collection Form"*

Observer's full name: Regina Livesay/Ken Kiess (Environmental Consulting Services, Inc. [ECSI])  
Reporter's full name: Ken Kiess

Species Identification : Atlantic sturgeon (Acipenser oxyrinchus)

Site of Collection: PSEG Salem Generating Station; SGS Unit 1, intake 11A

Date animal observed: 07/08/2020 Time animal observed: 15:22 pm  
Date animal collected: 07/08/2020 Time animal collected: 14:15 pm

Environmental conditions at time of observation (i.e., tidal stage, weather):  
Air temp. – 29.0 °C; Sal. – 7.0 ppt; Wind – SE; sky – partly cloudy; Wave – slight; tide- FL 2 (94.0 ft).

If removed from intakes (trash racks or traveling screens):

Date and time of last inspection of screen: 07/08/2020; 09:56 am

Water temperature (°C) at site and time of observation: 29.0 °C

Number of pumps operating at time of observation: Unit 1: 6 circulators / Unit 2: 6 circulators

Average percent of power generating capacity achieved per unit at time of observation: Unit 1: 100.2% /Unit 2: 99.7%

Average percent of power generating capacity achieved per unit over the 48 hours previous to observation: Unit 1: 100.1% /Unit 2: 99.8%

# STURGEON DATA COLLECTION FORM

For use in documenting sturgeon injury or mortality incidental to a federal action

## OBSERVER'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: First Ken Last Kiess  
Agency Affiliation PSEG subcontractor Email Ken.Kiess@pseg.com  
Address 100 South Cass Street, Middletown, DE 19709  
Area code/Phone number (302) 378-9881 (Environmental Consulting Services, Inc.)

SEC 7 UNIQUE IDENTIFIER (PCTS)  
No.Assigned by NMFS)

## DATE REPORTED:

Month 07 Day 08 Year 2020

## DATE EXAMINED:

Month 07 Day 08 Year 2020

## SPECIES: (check one)

- ☐ shortnose sturgeon  
☒ Atlantic sturgeon  
☐ Unidentified *Acipenser* species  
Check "Unidentified" if uncertain. See reverse side of this form for aid in identification.

## LOCATION FOUND:

☐ Offshore (Atlantic or Gulf beach) ☒ Inshore (bay, river, sound, inlet, etc)  
River/Body of Water Delaware River City Lower Alloways Creek State NJ  
Descriptive location (be specific) Removed from Circulating Water Intake Structure (CWIS) intake trash racks, intake bay 11A, during routine trash rack cleaning at the Salem Generating Station, PSEG Nuclear LLC.  
Latitude 39.460603° (Dec. Degrees) Longitude -75.536133° (Dec. Degrees)

## CARCASS CONDITION at time examined: (check one)

- ☒ 1 = Fresh dead  
☐ 2 = Moderately decomposed  
☐ 3 = Severely decomposed  
☐ 4 = Dried carcass  
☐ 5 = Skeletal, scutes & cartilage

## SEX:

- ☒ Undetermined  
☐ Female ☐ Male  
How was sex determined?  
☐ Necropsy  
☐ Eggs/milt present when pressed  
☐ Borescope

## MEASUREMENTS:

Circle unit  
Fork length 65.0 cm  
Total length 74.0 cm  
Length ☒ actual ☐ estimate  
Mouth width (inside lips, see reverse side) 6.0 cm  
Interorbital width (see reverse side) 4.8 cm  
Weight ☒ actual ☐ estimate 2.4 kg

TAGS PRESENT? Examined for external tags including fin clips? ☒ Yes ☐ No Scanned for PIT tags? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Tag #

Tag Type

Location of tag on carcass

No Tags found

## CARCASS DISPOSITION: (check one or more)

- ☐ 1 = Left where found  
☐ 2 = Buried  
☐ 3 = Collected for necropsy/salvage  
☒ 4 = Frozen for later examination  
☐ 5 = Other (describe).

## Carcass Necropsied?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Date Necropsied: \_\_\_\_\_

Necropsy Lead: \_\_\_\_\_

## PHOTODOCUMENTATION:

Photos/video taken? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Disposition of Photos/Video PSEG Nuclear Environmental Affairs

## SAMPLES COLLECTED? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Sample

Pelvic fin clip

How preserved

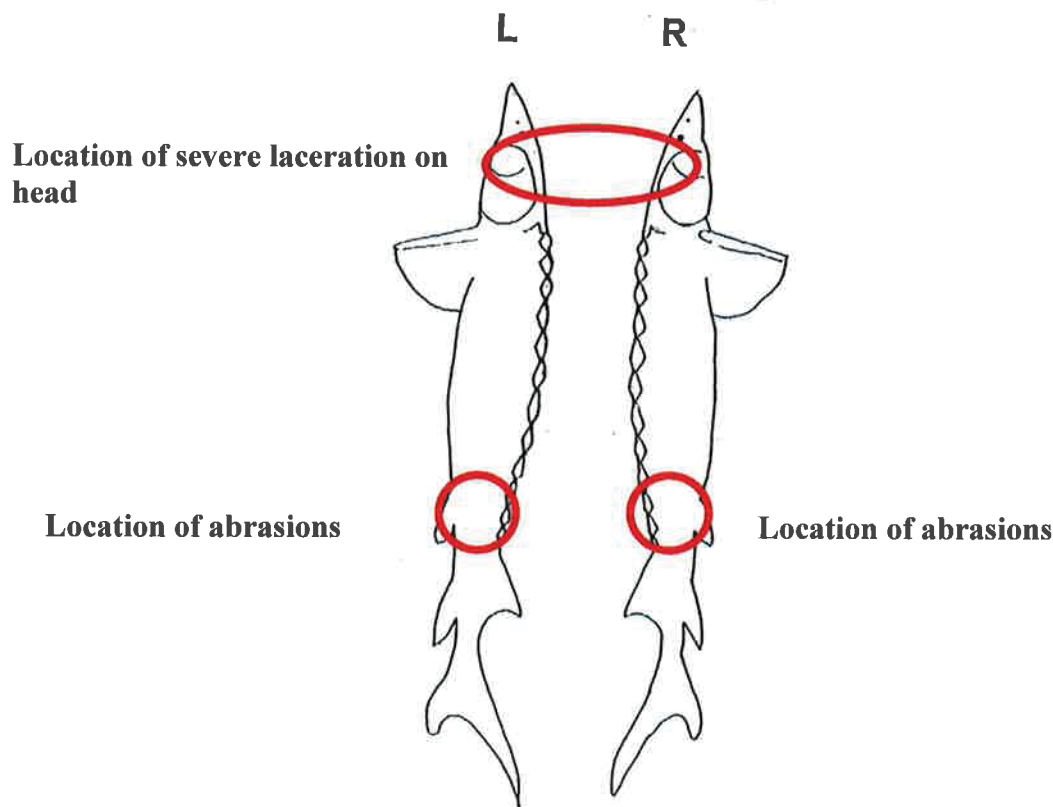
stored in non-denatured ethanol and refrigerated.

Disposition (person, affiliation, use)

Held at the office of ECSI for aggregated shipment to designated laboratory.

Comments: A deceased Atlantic sturgeon was collected from the Salem Circulating Water Intake Structure during routine trash rack cleaning on 07/08/20, at 14:15pm. After positive identification was made by Environmental Consulting Services personnel, the specimen was measured, photographed, and inspected for tags. No evidence of external tags was found, and no existing PIT tags were indicated. A pelvic fin clip was also collected for future DNA analysis. Upon completion of processing, the specimen was placed on ice and prepared for transport back to the ECSI main office, where it will be stored under refrigeration, awaiting direction on further disposition. The fin clip sample has been stored in refrigeration and will be held for aggregated shipment to a designated laboratory.

Draw wounds, abnormalities, tag locations on diagram and briefly describe below



Describe any wounds / abnormalities (note tar or oil, gear or debris entanglement, propeller damage, etc.). **Please note if no wounds / abnormalities are found. Specimen was deceased at the time of collection, with a severe laceration observed to the head, nearly severing it from the torso. Moderate abrasions were also observed on the right and left ventral aspects of the lower torso, in the proximity of the pelvic fins (refer to diagram above).**

**Submit completed forms (within 24 hours of observation of fish): by e-mail to [IncidentalTake@noaa.gov](mailto:IncidentalTake@noaa.gov) or by fax (978-281-9394). Questions can be directed to NMFS Protected Resources Division at 978-281-9328.**

**Data Access Policy:** Upon written request, information submitted to National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) on this form will be released to the requestor provided that the requestor credit the collector of the information and NOAA Fisheries. NOAA Fisheries will notify the collector that these data have been requested and the intent of their use.



## Photographs



A dorsolateral view showing the size and condition of deceased Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus*), retrieved at approximately 14:15pm on 07/08/2020 from 11A circulator intake by Salem Yard Crew personnel during routine trash rack cleaning at Salem Nuclear Generating Station (07/08/2020).



A ventral view, showing moderate abrasions located on the ventral aspect of the torso, in the location of the pelvic fins (07/08/2020).



A dorsolateral view of the right side of the specimen, showing the severe laceration on the head and moderate abrasion of the torso, in the vicinity of the pelvic fin (07/08/2020).

## Photographs



Dorsal view of the head, showing a close-up of the severe laceration observed at the time of collection (07/08/2020).



A ventral view of the head, showing the characteristic small mouth and elongated rostrum (07/08/2020).