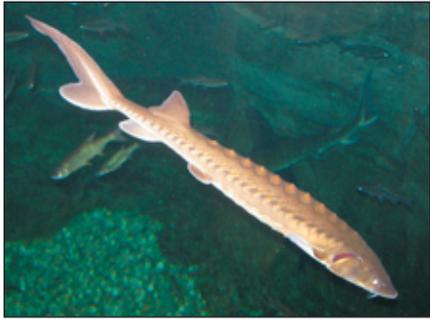


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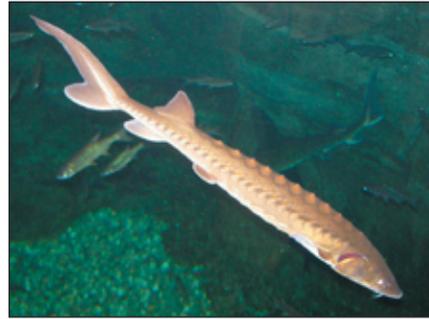
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Some easy ways you can help:

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- ◆ Check cars for leaks and fix them.
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