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# Atlantic Sturgeon Monitoring

## Dighton, Massachusetts

### Client:

Aetna Bridge Company  
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### Project Duration:

March - November 2009

### Key Services Provided:

- Preconstruction site assessment
- Development and implementation of monitoring plan
- Administering worker training program
- Dissemination of information to public and monitoring 24hour sturgeon sighting hotline
- Drafting and submitting final report

In March of 2009, A.I.S., Inc. (AIS) was contracted by Aetna Bridge Company to develop a sturgeon monitoring plan, acquire the necessary permits, implement a worker training program, and conduct field monitoring during the construction of a temporary bridge spanning the Taunton River in Massachusetts. To facilitate development of the plan AIS completed multiple consultations and site visits.

Throughout the project, two biologists monitored the construction area for the presence of Atlantic Sturgeon during the installation of false work and the driving of the pipe piles. Our skilled biologists were responsible for handling and relocating any sturgeon they found. They also held daily communications with the construction crew. Work was completed in accordance with the MA Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program.

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