## What Makes a River "Healthy"? **Engaging science, art, and storytelling to explore** the health of the Upper St. Lawrence River

## **GREAT RIVER RAPPORT**

The Great River Rapport is a science-based project to assess the status and health of the Upper St. Lawrence River. The River Institute is working with Indigenous partners, scientists, educators, and communities to evaluate scientific data and share the health of the river through stories, art. education, and community action.

## **COLLABORATIVE PROCESS**

- 1. Define boundaries of the region
- 2. Ask the community
- 3. Bring the scientists together
- 4 Select the indicators
- 5. Identify and gather relevant data
- 6. Conduct a scientific investigation
- 7. Collaborate
- 8. Translate the science and spread the knowledge
- 9. Engage in ongoing conversations
- 10. Take action!

## HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

- Learn more about the Great River Rapport
- Identify the plants and animals around you using iNaturalist's <u>Seek App</u> ٠
- Use the My Catch App while fishing to track your catch and participate in citizen science
- Contribute to citizen science by sharing your species observations on Naturalist
- Learn about Yellow Perch using species profiles on Encyclopedia of Life and NatureServe
- Listen to the <u>Blue Fish Radio</u> podcast which features interviews with lead researchers and local experts in the field of fish biology, aquatic habitat, and sustainable fishing
- Watch the Freshwater Stewardship Community webinar recording of <u>"Community Based Water</u>" Monitoring: Getting Started With Water Rangers"

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