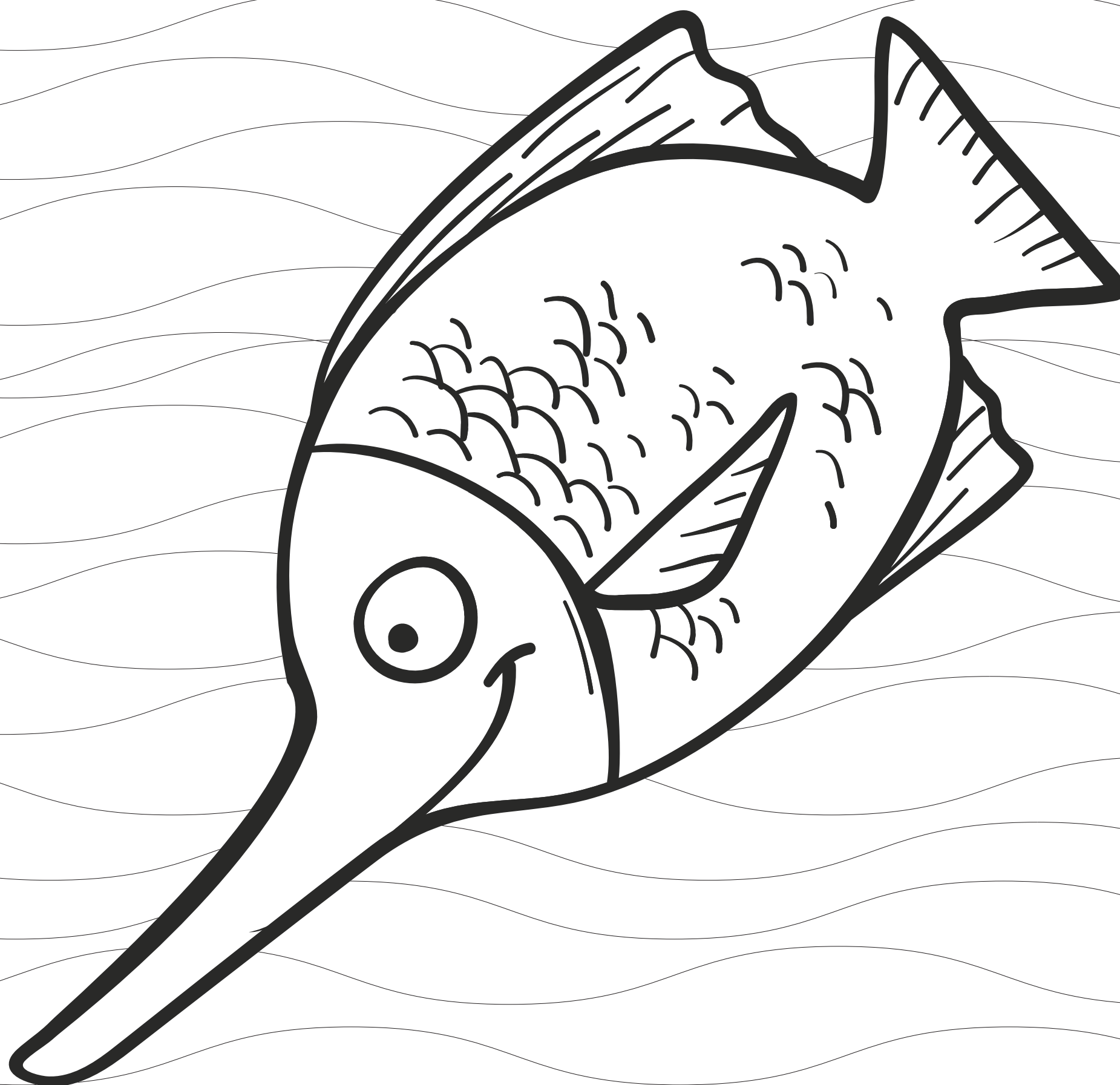




AMERIČKA VESLOKLJUNKA / AMERICAN PADDLEFISH (*Polyodon spathula*)

Strana je vrsta u vodama Hrvatske. Najsrodnija je jesetrama, a prvi fosilni zapisi veslokljunki datiraju još od prije 125 milijuna godina. Karakterizira izdužena njuška u obliku vesla koja može biti duga gotovo jednu trećinu ukupne tjelesne dužine. Primarno se hrane zooplanktonom.

It is a foreign species found in the waters of Croatia. Its closest relatives are sturgeons, and the first fossil records of paddlefish date back to around 125 million years ago. It is characterized by an elongated paddle-shaped snout that can be almost one-third of its total body length. They primarily feed on zooplankton.