

SEA MONSTER REPORT (EXAMPLE PAPER) Topic: Shovelnose Guitarfish
Sea Monster Report on “Gary the Guitarfish”



Shovelnose guitarfish mouth



Shovelnose guitarfish—ventral side & dorsal side

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My mate yelled, “There he is! Look at that snout!” When I looked his direction, I couldn’t believe my eyes. A 20-foot long monster that weighed 2 tons was thrashing in the water right next to our sailing ship. As I stared in horror at this creature beneath the waves, his eye glared back at me as if to dare me to jump in for a swim with him. He was such a formidable creature that I decided to call him “Glaring Gary”. Why “Glaring Gary”? Well, it seemed to go well with the type of creature that he was. Gary the glaring guitarfish—yes, it has a ring to it. Gary’s eyes were as big as beach-balls and his tail moved back and forth and cracked like a whip. His mouth had strange teeth-like projections on the outside of it to grab onto prey as it passed by. He made a sound like a fog-horn that was so loud that it rattled our boat. It had me shaking in my shoes every time I heard it. He swam around eating at least 100 starfish in an hour. His lips puckered up as he came by the ship and he looked like he was going to reach over to grab my sandwich and eat it in one gulp. I jumped backwards to get out of his way. What a strange and monster-like creature this was.

<u>Exaggeration</u>	<u>Fact</u>
20 feet long	3 feet long
Weight 2 tons	average 14 pounds
Eyes as big as beach-balls	small eyes
tail cracked like a whip	glides in the water and uses its tail to steer with
strange teeth-like projections	small teeth, has about 100
sound like a fog horn	couldn’t locate any information on its sound
ate 100 starfish in an hour	feeds on bottom-dwelling invertebrates
formidable creature	guitarfish are harmless