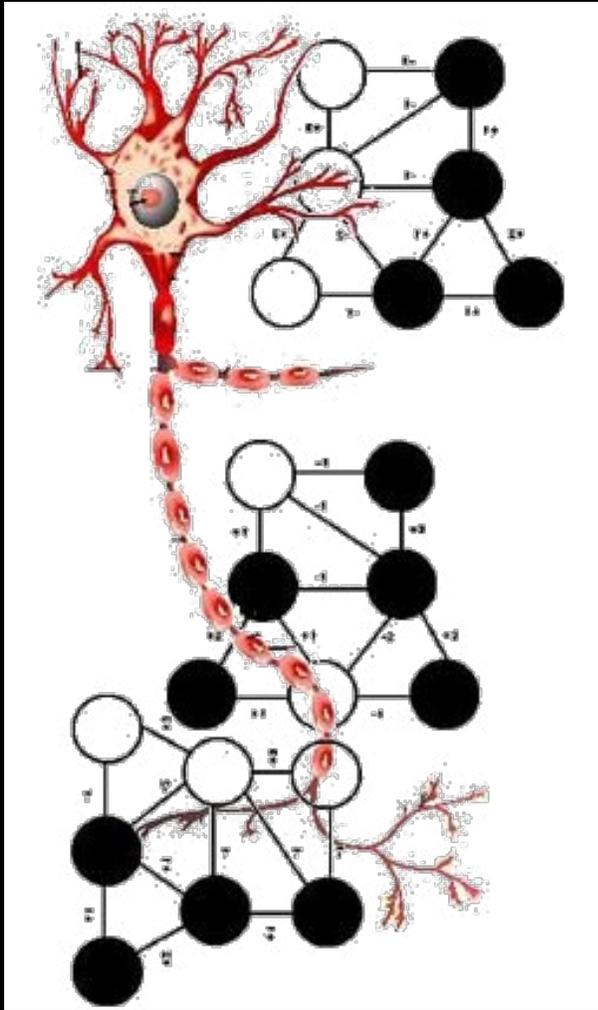




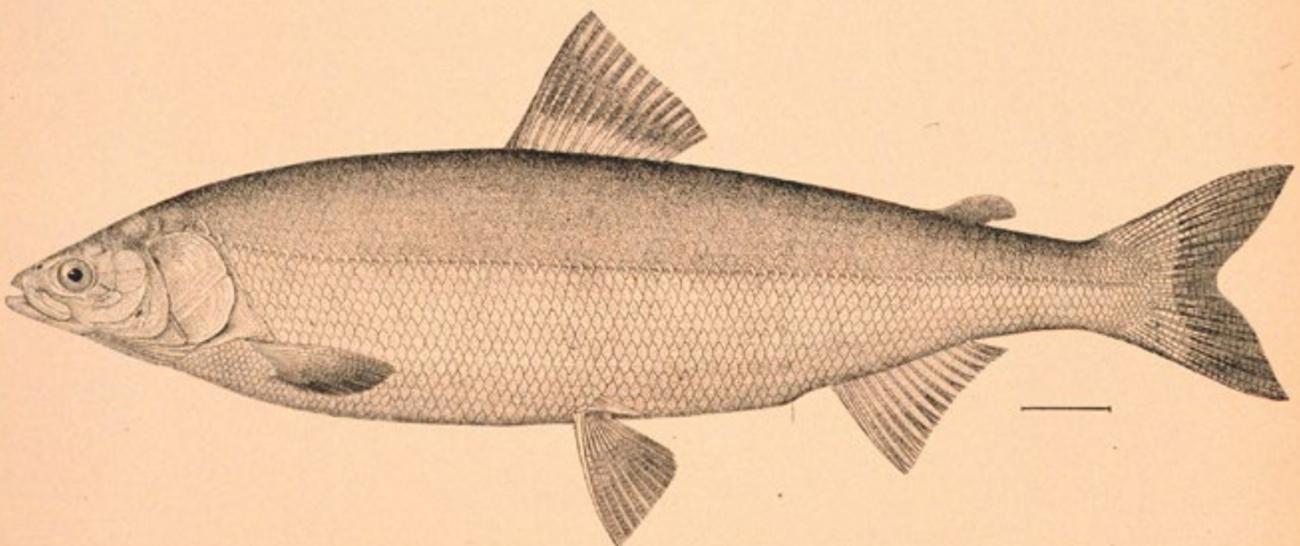
## Upcoming Research Presentations from Juniors Eli Hulse & Nora Hill



Tuesday, May 6th, at lunch in Room 7, Nora Hill ('15) will present on her independent research project for this spring. Nora is working with Dr. Jason Stockwell (director of UVM's Rubenstein School) on a long-term ecological experiment on energy flow through lake systems. Nora is looking to continue this project through the summer, and use the project as the basis for her VCS Naturalist Certificate.

The following Tuesday, Eli Hulse ('15) will describe his research experience working with Dr. Donna Rizzo (UVM, Civil & Environmental Engineering) on a research project using Artificial Neural Networks (a form of machine learning). Eli is also looking to use this experience as the foundation for his Naturalist Certificate.

Both presenters will be happy to explain how VCS students might find similar research experiences. These presentations are open to the VCS community, we just ask that you arrive no later than 11:45 am.



THE LAURETTA WHITEFISH.

*Coregonus laurettae*, Bean. (p. 542.)

Drawing by H. L. T'old. from No. 2766, U. S. National Museum, collected at Point Barrow, Alaska, July, 1880, by U. S. Steamer Corwin.

# Spanish Play - El Rumor del Silencio

*by Juan Garcia Urbina*

The Spanish advance levels visited recently the Flynn Center for the performing Arts to watch the play: "El Rumor del Silencio" by Lagartijas Tiradas al sol. This visit was a great opportunity to experience a very powerful play that represented an unknown and underground Mexican political event in the past couple of decades.

El "Rumor del Silencio" let the students learn more about Latin American left and right parties as well as their way to fight political internal concerns. Nick Sears, a Spanish III student, who attended to the play, made the following comment as a follow up activity of the visit: "The violent scenes and explanations were made by using kid toys and videos that gave us a good deposition of the Mexico back in the time. For me, there were a lot of emotions. It lets us connect with the play". In addition to this comments, Nick posits that "He feels that his Spanish skills were tested as if he was not sure what was happening during a few scenes, but he could inferred through the emotions rather than just listening what they were saying. His language skills were tested at its best. He was just able to communicate just by the use of the fourth skills (Listening, reading, writing, and speaking), but he also uses other way of non verbal communications to establish connection with the play.

Although the play allowed the audience to follow the translations of what the actors were saying, The students were able to try to understand as much as was possible to be involved in the play. We are excited that our turtles are acquiring more and more skills to improve their language skills.



# Seeking Host Families for Circus Smirkus!

It's been a long, long winter and it may seem it will never really end – but summer WILL arrive once more and along with it, Circus Smirkus! The Champlain Valley Expo coordinates local families to host the troupers from the travelling youth circus.

Circus Smirkus show dates at the Champlain Valley Exposition are July 8th, 9th & 10th. Those dates fall on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Troupers will need to be picked up on Monday afternoon, July 7th and final drop-off will be on Friday, July 11th.

If you would like to be a host family, please contact Lisa Lopes at the Champlain Valley Expo.

Phone: 878-5545 ext. 20 or [Llopes@cvexpo.org](mailto:Llopes@cvexpo.org).

Hosting troupers is a fun way to get a behind the scenes look at the show and meet some amazing young people. Our family has hosted for 7 years, and would be happy to answer questions.

Thank you for considering being a host family!

Peter Larsen's family - Dinah, Alain and Peter.

## Annual Multi-Media Extravaganza Is In Production!

I need material!!! Any file format supported by a Mac (.JPG, .MOV, etc...) will be accepted. Your 'friends' are going to give me material of you! Your siblings are going to cause you great embarrassment! Strike preemptively! You can EMail files to me, you can share a GoogleDrive or DropBox folder with me, or you can bring stuff to me on disk/drive.

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