

# Something's Fishy Gallery Activity

Look at the details of this photograph. What do you see? What do you notice that is unusual about this landscape? Most likely, you have noticed the huge fish with people in its mouth! Have you ever seen anything like this before?

David Graham traveled all over the United States to take pictures of places that were a bit out of the ordinary. The **scale** or the size of the fish sculptures in relation to the other objects in this setting really captured his attention. The fish on the right is known as the third largest sculpture in the US. It is the world's largest muskellunge, or muskie, which also has a museum inside it! Do you think his work is funny or serious? Why or why not? If you could ask the artist a question about it, what would it be?



*National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame, Hayward, Wisconsin, 1984, David Graham (b. 1952), Dye coupler print, James A. Michener Art Museum Collection.*

## Something's Fishy: Playing with Scale Activity

Scale refers to the overall physical size of an artwork or objects in the artwork. We often connect **scale** to the size of the human body - how big or small the piece is in relation to us. An artist may decide to create a **large scale work** (like the sculpture of Alexander Calder) or **small scale artwork**, or make some visual changes in the artwork with the scale of the objects themselves, like Graham has done.

Now, create a drawing that includes objects that are of a different scale among each other. This could be an image of a rabbit that is larger than a person! Sketch some ideas on the opposite side of this paper. Use your imagination and see what wacky combinations you can make. Use crayons, colored pencils, markers, or paint for color.