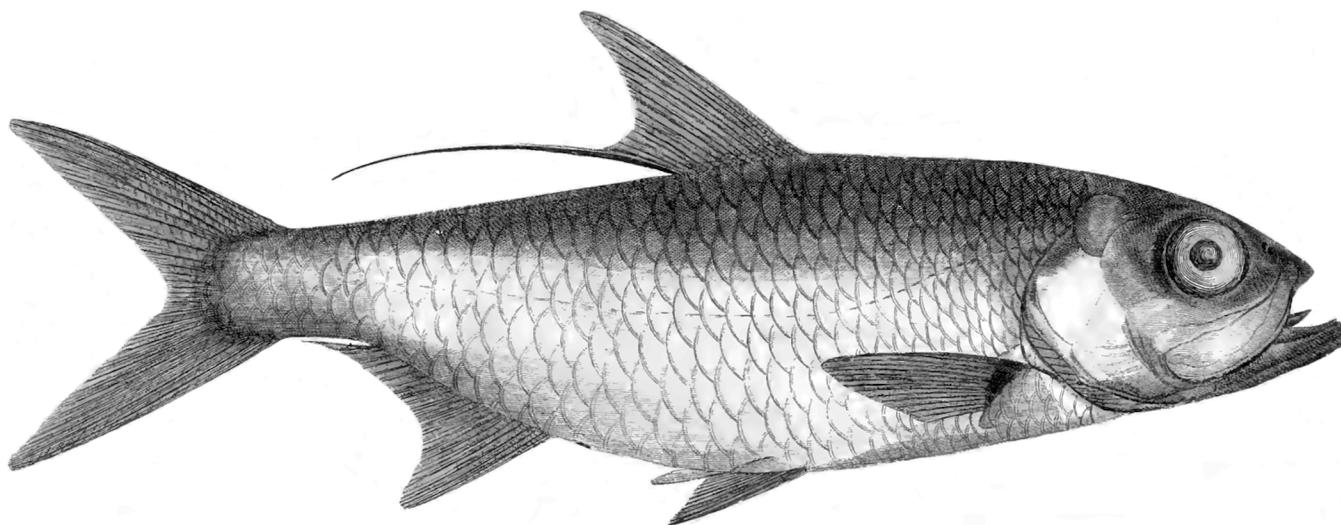


Order ELOPIFORMES

Tarpons

Family MEGALOPIDAE

Jordan & Gilbert 1883



Megalops cyprinoides. From: Broussonet, P. M. A. 1782. Ichthyologia, sistens piscium descriptiones et icones. Decas I. London. 49 unnum. pp., incl. i–iv., Unnum. Pls. 1–11.

Megalops

Lacepède 1803

mégas (μέγας), big; *ōps* (ὤψ), eye, referring to large eye of *M. filamentosus* (=cyprinoides)

***Megalops atlanticus* Valenciennes 1847** -*icus* (L.), belonging to: referring to its distribution in the tropical Atlantic

***Megalops cyprinoides* (Broussonet 1782)** -*oides*, Neo-Latin from *eídos* (εἶδος), form or shape: *cyprinus*, from *kyprínos* (κυπρίνος), carp, allusion not explained; since Broussonet placed it in the herring genus *Clupea*, perhaps he was referring to what could be perceived as its more carp-like rather than herring-like form or appearance