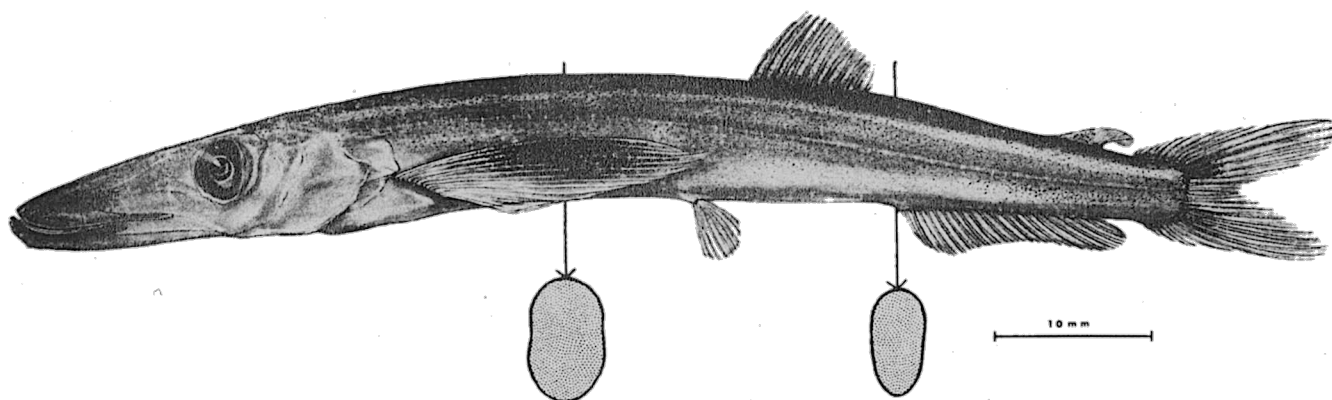


Order AULOPIFORMES

Pikesmelts

Family **SUDIDAE**¹

Fowler 1901



Sudis atrox, holotype, 75 mm SL, young specimen, with two cross sections of body. From: Rofen, R. R. 1963. Diagnoses of new genera and species of alepisauroid fishes of the family Paralepididae. *Aquatica* 2: 1–7.

Sudis

Rafinesque 1810

sudis (L.), stake or pile and an ancient name for the barracuda (Carangiformes: Sphyraenidae), presumably referring to barracuda-like body of *S. hyalina*

***Sudis atrox* Rofen 1963** Latin for cruel, harsh or horrible, referring to its “formidable appearance” [author previously known as Harry]

***Sudis hyalina* Rafinesque 1810** *hyálinos* (Gr. ὑάλινος), of crystal (here meaning glassy or transparent), described as “Hyaline with various hues” (translation)

¹ Placed in Paralepididae by some workers. Recognition as a separate family follows: Davis, M. P. 2010. Evolutionary relationships of the Aulopiformes (Euteleostei: Cyclosquamata): a molecular and total evidence approach. In: J. S. Nelson, H.-P. Schultze & M. V. H. Wilson (eds.). *Origin and Phylogenetic Interrelationships of Teleosts*, Pfeil, München. 431–470.