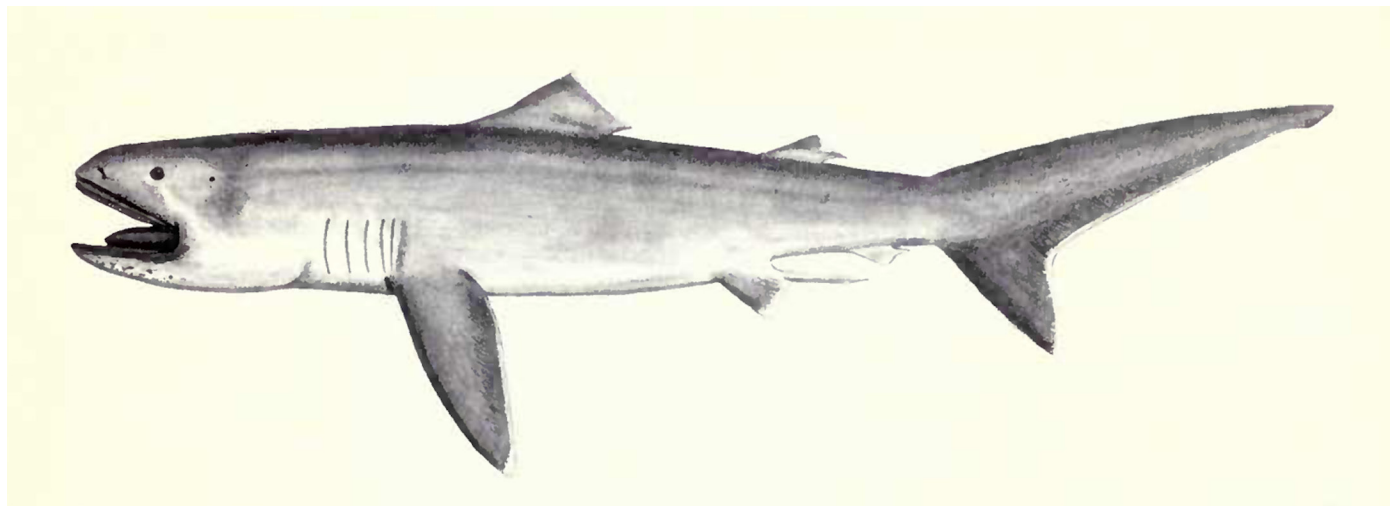


Order LAMNIFORMES

Megamouth Shark

Family MEGACHASMIDAE

Taylor, Compagno & Struhsaker 1983



Megachasma pelagios, lateral view of holotype of with jaws in retracted position. Drawn by L. J. V. Compagno. From: Taylor, L. R., Jr., L. J. V. Compagno, and P. J. Struhsaker. 1983. Megamouth—a new species, genus, and family of lamnoid shark (*Megachasma pelagios*, family Megachasmidae) from the Hawaiian Islands. Proceedings of the California Academy of Sciences (Series 4). 43 (8): 87–110.

Megachasma

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mégas (Gr. μέγας), big; *cháskō* (Gr. χάσκω), yawning hole or open mouth, referring to its unusually large oral cavity

Megachasma pelagios Taylor, Compagno & Struhsaker 1983 *pelágios* (Gr. πελάγιος), “of the sea,” referring to its oceanic, epipelagic habitat