

ALOPIDAE

- 1 - Upper lobe of caudal extremely long, about half of body length.

Alopias vulpinus (Bonnaterre, 1788)

Thresher shark

Range: British Columbia – Baja California; Japan

Pelagic

Fig. : Castro 1982:84

Eschmeyer, et al, 1983: fig.3(12) teeth

Notes: NODC # 8707040401; NMFS #00180

Slate blue dorsally, soiled white ventrally with bluish spots; pupils a longitudinal slit edged with golden yellow.

Eye without nictitating fold; gill openings 3-5 over pectoral origin; spiracles very small or absent; teeth in 19-22 lateral rows in both jaws; 3rd or 4th tooth on either side of center of upper jaw smaller than others.

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