

Order HIODONTIFORMES

Mooneyes

Family **HIODONTIDAE**

Valenciennes 1847



Hiodon clodalus, junior synonym of *H. tergisus*. Illustration by Charles Alexandre Lesueur. From: Lesueur, C. A. 1818. Description of several new species of North American fishes. *Journal of the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia* 1 (2): 222–235; 359–368, Pls. 8–11, 14.

Hiodon

Lesueur 1818

hio-, from *hyoeidés* (Gr. ὑοειδής), shaped like the letter Ypsilon, referring to Y-shaped hyoid bone forming base of tongue of *H. tergisus*; *odon*, Latinized and grammatically adjusted from the Greek nominative ὀδοῦς (*odoús*), tooth, referring to “strong teeth” on tongue

***Hiodon alosoides* (Rafinesque 1819)** *-oides*, Neo-Latin from *eídos* (Gr. εἶδος), form or shape: *alosa*, from *alauša*, Latin name for Allis Shad *Alosa alosa* (Alosidae) from the river Moselle in Germany, referring to its shad-like appearance and common name “shad” in early 19th-century Ohio (USA)

***Hiodon tergisus* Lesueur 1818** Latin for polished, probably referring to its silvery sides (i.e., like polished silver)