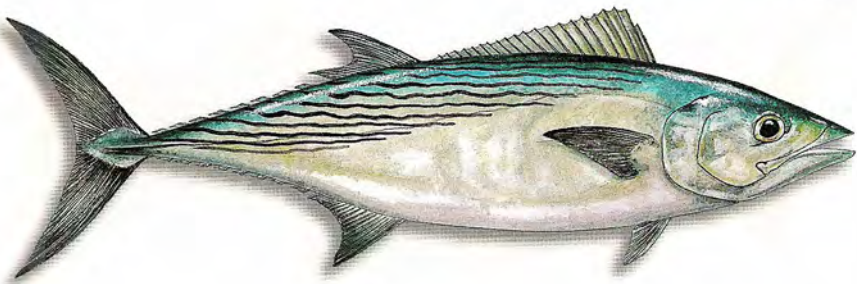


Atlantic Bonito

Sarda sarda



DESCRIPTION: Differs from Little Tunny in having a series of wavy lines along upper half of body, and no spots on lower half. Additionally, its two dorsal fins are not divided.

SIZE: Averages 4-10 pounds; maximum is possibly 20. World record 18 pounds, 4 ounces.

FOOD VALUE: Not well regarded but good.

GAME QUALITIES: Like other Tunas, an excellent fighter.

TACKLE AND BAITS: Usually overmatched with ocean trolling gear, but a great target, when the opportunity arises, for light casting tackle. Eagerly hits spoons, jigs and streamer flies, and also live fish and strip baits.

FISHING SYSTEMS: Trolling; Drifting; Casting.

OTHER NAMES:

Northern Bonito
Boston Mackerel
Katonotel

RANGE: A temperate species, most common in the Northern Gulf.

HABITAT: The open sea, but roams to the beaches.