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## Fishing for bears in Alaska's wild

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Lots of brown bears, too. Big hungry ones, for those of us lucky enough to see them up close.

After all, no arctic adventure should end without a whopper to tell and photos to prove it, posted online for your friends at home. You’ll probably see moose, eagles, caribou, whales, seals and maybe even wolves. But don’t count on spotting any brown bears — or grizzlies, as they’re called in the Lower 48.

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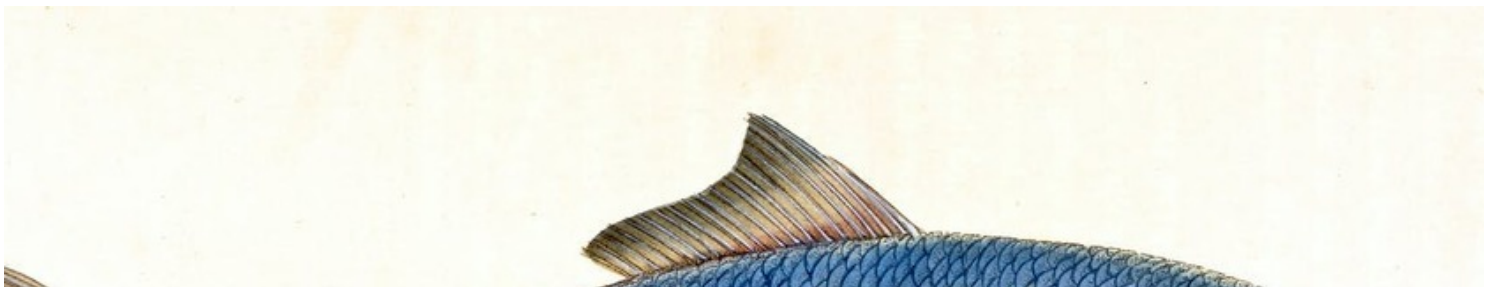
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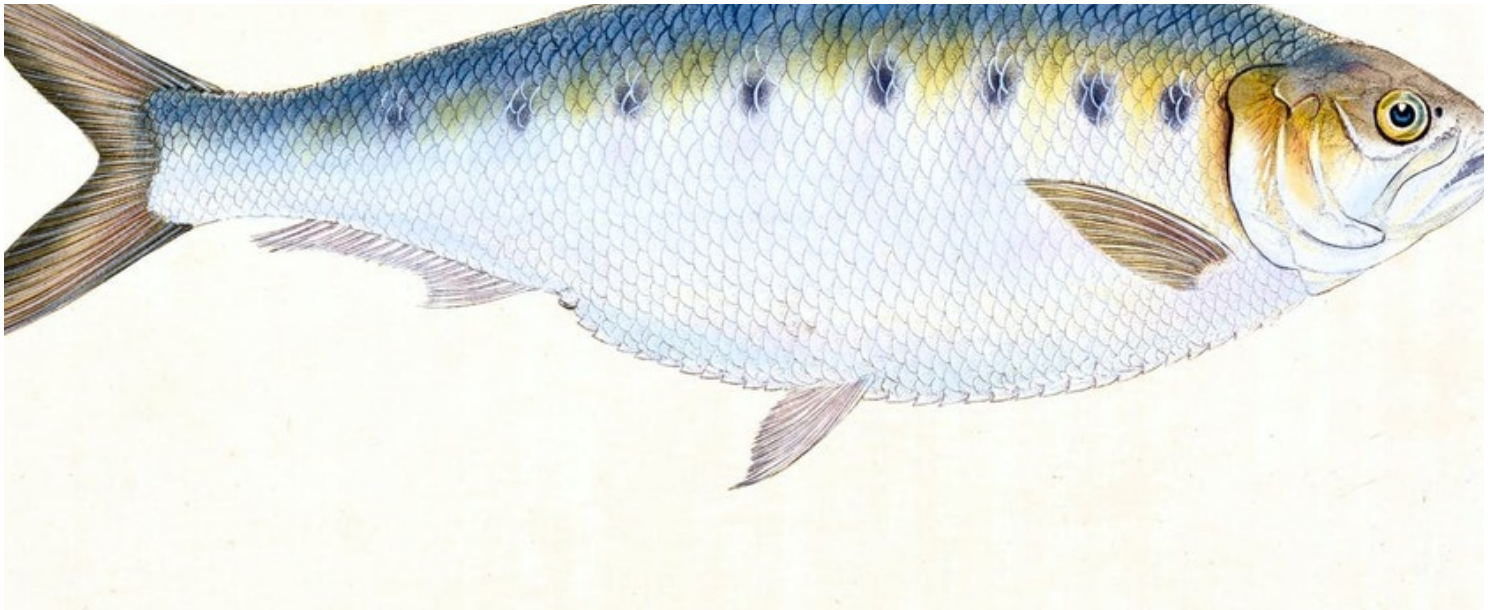
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