Southern Hulafish Trachinops caudimaculatus



Southern Hulafish, *Trachinops caudimaculatus*, photo courtesy of Mark Norman.

Hulafish get their name from the way they hang midwater constantly flickering their soft tails, like the skirts of hula dancers. This small fish forms schools in the mouths of caves and crevices, darting out to grab small food scraps from the water column. Their nearest relatives are the Blue Devil. They tend to be brown on the body, grading to silver on the underside of the body.