



**Atlantic herring** *Clupea harengus harengus* **CLUPEIDAE**

**Size:** up to 42 cm

**Peculiarities:** absence of black spots on the sides; dorsal fin originates about midway of the body length (1); reduced body depth

**Habitat:** pelagic fish, travelling in school of hundreds or thousands

**Food:** zooplankton (small crustaceans, fish eggs, mollusc larvae...)

**Enemies:** preyed upon by most of the predators (cod, striped bass, mackerel, tuna, salmon, dogfish, squid, marine mammals, sea birds...)

**Relation to man:** commercial fish highly in demand. Consumed fresh, frozen or smoked. Eaten by most of the commercial pelagic fishes.