



AMERICAN POCKET SHARK

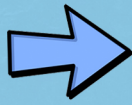
(Mollisquama mississippiensis)



They are one of only two pocket shark specimens to be identified. Only one individual had ever been collected from the southeastern Pacific Ocean.

They secrete a glowing fluid from two tiny pocket glands near the gills. It's thought to help attract prey.

It was initially discovered in 2010 by scientists from Tulane University that were conducting a sperm whale study in the Gulf of Mexico.



They measure around 5.5 inches (140 mm) long.



Gets its name from the pocket-like opening found near their pectoral fins.