

TARPON on the Mississippi Coast

Resurgence of a Legend?

Historical accounts reveal that tarpon, a legendary species among the world's famous game fish, once occurred in vast numbers in nearshore waters of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Such is no longer the case as a result of the Gulf-wide decline of the tarpon population that began in the mid-20th Century. Ongoing GCRL studies focused on tarpon biology and habitat requirements in Mississippi coastal waters are revealing information critical to understanding tarpon life stage dynamics in coastal Mississippi waters and the northern Gulf of Mexico. Franks will discuss GCRL tarpon research and muse over challenges critical to tarpon re-emerging as a prominent species within the Mississippi coastal ecosystem.

GCRL Science Café

Tuesday, March 25th • 6:00–7:30 p.m.
GCRL Dining Hall



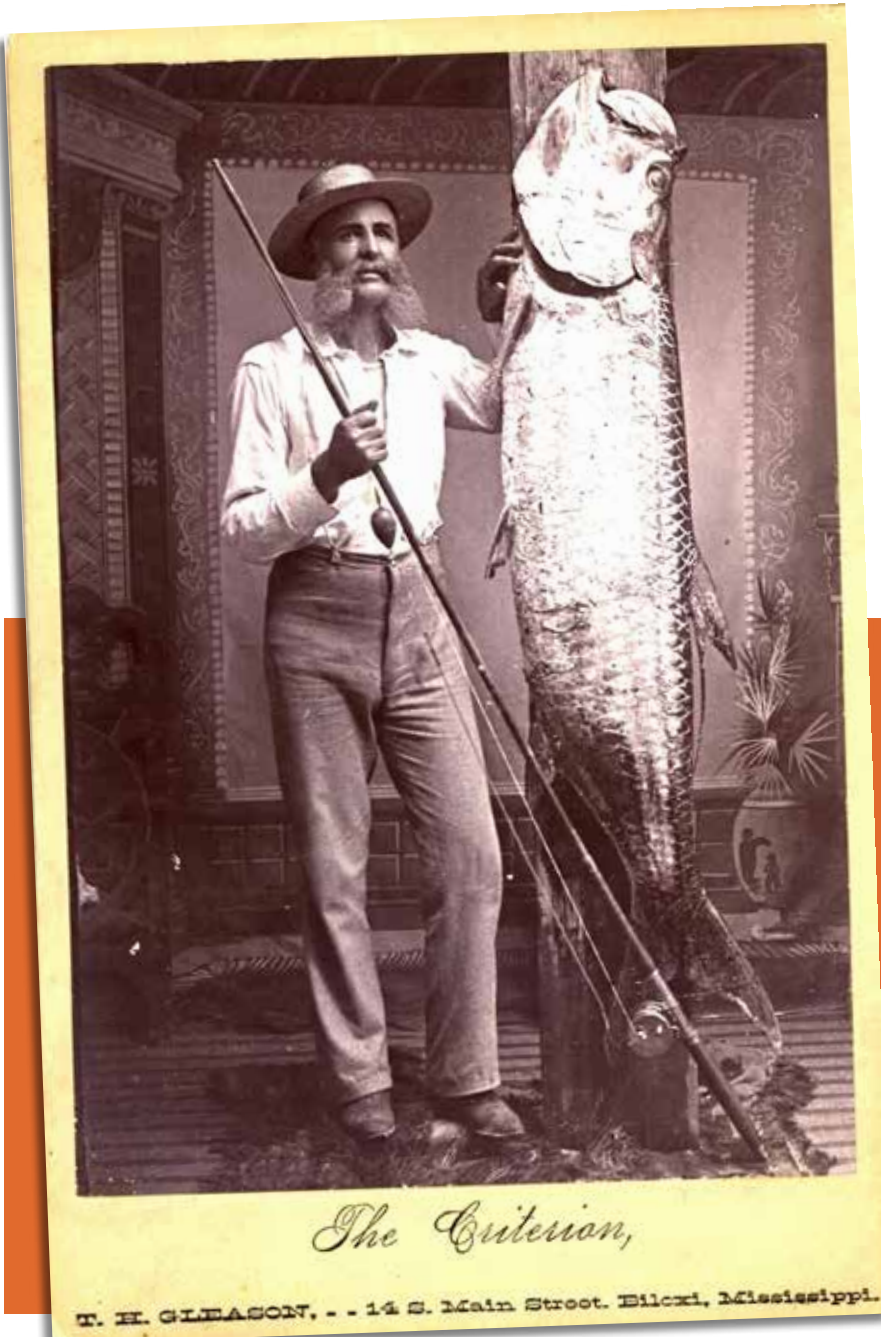
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