

NOTE ON POLYNEMUS CALIFORNIENSIS OF THOMINOT.

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In the Bulletin de la Société Philomathique de Paris, Séance du 27 Juin 1886, M. Alexandre Thominot has described a new species of *Polynemus* under the name of *Polynemus californiensis*.

The typical specimen (0^m.235 long) comes from a "collection made by M. de Cessac in California," but in what part of that vast area, which comprises three distinct fish-fauna, it is not stated.

The specimen described seems to be the young of the well known *Polynemus approximans* Lay & Bennett, a species abundant in the waters about Cape San Lucas, from which region the new species was probably obtained.

With all respect to the learning and acumen of my excellent friend Monsieur Thominot, I may say that a remark of Dr. Bean (Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., 1885, 167) seems still pertinent:

"As a general rule it will be safe to intrust the novelties of fish distribution in our country to its resident ichthyologists."