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<b>Secondary Abstract:</b>	<p>Thicktail chub (<i>Gila crassicauda</i>) era endémica de la mayoría de las vías fluviales del centro de California y era un componente clave de las pesquerías locales antes del 1800s. El declive de esta especie comenzó a finales del 1800s y finalmente se extinguió en la década de 1950. Se sabe poco sobre su biología, comportamiento, ecología o papel en las pesquerías de nativos americanos anteriores al contacto. Los sitios arqueológicos contienen una gran cantidad de huesos de thicktail chub y representan una fuente clave de datos para llenar nuestro considerable vacío en el conocimiento sobre esta especie. Utilizando el cacho de tui chub (<i>Siphateles bicolor</i>), desarrollamos ecuaciones de regresión para convertir seis elementos esqueléticos de thicktail chub en estimaciones de longitud estándar (SL) en el momento de la captura. Estimamos las longitudes de los peces antes de la extinción utilizando huesos arqueológicos de thicktail chub de dos sitios contemporáneos del Período Tardío previo al contacto (ca 700-200 cal BP), CA-CCO-138 y CA-CCO-647, en el delta de Sacramento-San Joaquín. Thicktail chub fueron la tercera y segunda ictiofauna más común, respectivamente, y comprenden entre el 22 y el 30% de los restos de peces identificados. Además, thicktail chub previos al contacto eran más largos que los especímenes capturados a principios del 1800s, alcanzando una longitud estándar máxima (SL) de 306 mm. Las distribuciones de tallas sugieren que la técnica de captura más probable fue el arpón y/o el anzuelo y el sedal. Una comparación de los hábitats preferidos y las épocas de desove de la ictiofauna asociada sugiere que thicktail chub era parte de una pesquería más grande cerca de la costa durante la primavera y el verano. Los resultados aportan información vital sobre la longitud de thicktail chub, su importancia como pez local adaptado a las llanuras aluviales y su papel clave en las pesquerías indígenas previas al contacto.</p>
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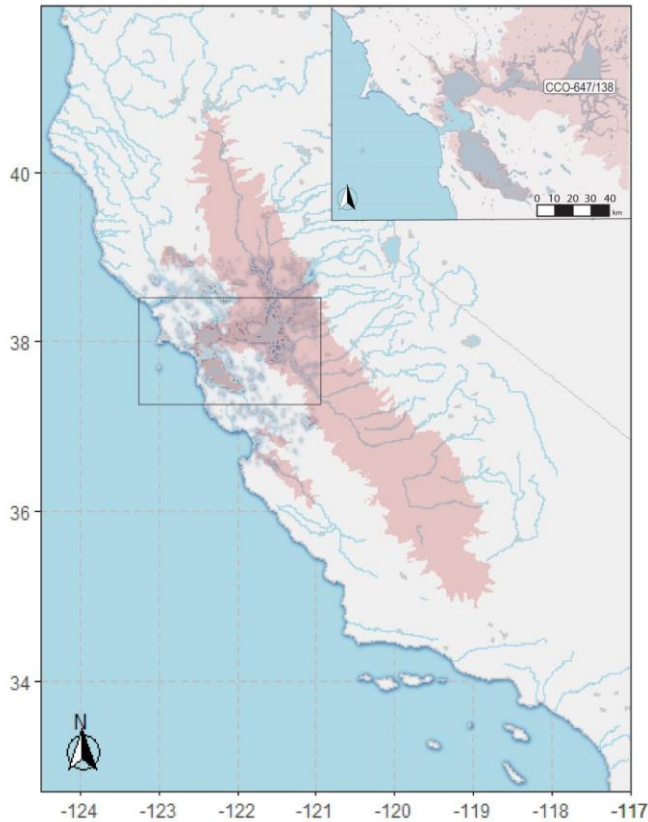
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**Keywords:** thicktail chub, tui chub, size estimation, fisheries, precontact, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta

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4 Dietary reconstructions derived from zooarchaeological and isotopic datasets indicate that  
5 endemic freshwater fish were a crucial resource for Indigenous people of the Sacramento-San  
6 Joaquin Delta, also known as the California Delta, but hereafter referred to simply as the Delta  
7 (Barton et al., 2020; Eerkens et al., 2021; Gobalet et al., 2004; Hash et al., 2015; Talcott, 2019).  
8 The reliance on freshwater fish from archaeological evidence contradicts ethnographic accounts,  
9 which emphasize the importance of anadromous Pacific salmon (*Oncorhynchus* spp.) in Delta  
10 diets (Gobalet et al., 2004; Yoshiyama, 1999). Despite the ubiquity and frequency of fish  
11 remains from Delta archaeological sites, little research has focused on the nature of freshwater  
12 fisheries.  
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21 Indigenous fisheries of the Delta were unique and differ greatly from those that exist  
22 today. Former tidal marshlands have been replaced by agricultural land through the construction  
23 of levees and canals, which have drained nearly the entirety of former wetland environments  
24 (Whipple et al., 2012). As well, invasive species have replaced most native floodplain-adapted  
25 fish, such as the Sacramento perch (*Archoplites interruptus*) and thicketail chub (*Gila*  
26 *crassicauda*). Most of these original, endemic species were unique to the Central Valley of  
27 California (Moyle, 2002).  
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34 Thicketail chub were once common over large stretches of California's Central Valley  
35 (Moyle, 2002). The species was in decline by the 1880s, and the last live individual was recorded  
36 in the early 1950s (Mills, 1963; Mills and Mamika, 1980). Only a few formaldehyde-preserved  
37 specimens exist today. However, their bones are prominent in archaeological sites in the Delta  
38 and along the San Joaquin, Sacramento, Pajaro, and Salinas Rivers, as well as sites around the  
39 San Francisco Bay (Figure 1; Broughton et al., 2015; Gobalet, 1990, 2020; Gobalet et al., 2004;  
40 Schulz, 1995). Significant erasure of Indigenous ecological knowledge by European colonizers  
41 in Central California means little recorded information about thicketail chub behavior or method  
42 of capture survives. As a result, knowledge of the species' ecology and Native fishing practices  
43 associated with their capture is sparse (Miller et al., 1989; Mills and Mamika, 1980; Moyle,  
44 2002). Increasingly, archaeological datasets are used to retrace the biogeography, biology, and  
45 demographics, not just of extirpated and extinct species, such as thicketail chub, but of ecological  
46 systems in general (e.g., Dombrosky et al., 2016; Erlandson and Rick, 2008; Gobalet 1993, 2004;  
47 Gobalet et al., 2005; Guiry et al., 2020; Jones et al., 2021).  
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**Figure 1:** Map of California with inset map of the California Delta showing region and sites. Thicktail chub distribution prior to extirpation in the red shaded area (Santos et al., 2013).

Of keen interest to the archaeological record in the Delta is the degree to which Late Period Indigenous fisheries were specialized in harvesting particular shallow-water and marsh species. Precontact populations in Central California went through a series of faunal and botanical economic intensifications, where subsistence strategies diversified and shifted away from larger prey to focus on more energy-costly and small-bodied prey species, such as grass seeds, hares and rabbits, and migratory waterfowl (Broughton, 1994a, 1994b; Wohlgemuth, 1996). Of interest is whether the fisheries similarly intensified, for example through use of mass capture technologies such as fishing nets.

In this paper, we develop allometric regression formulae derived from known length tui chub (*Siphateles bicolor*) comparative skeletal material to predict the length of capture of thicktail chub from two nearby and contemporaneous Delta sites, CA-CCO-138 (Hotchkiss Mound) and CA-CCO-647 (hereafter we drop the “CA-” prefix when referring to the sites). We then compare length distributions to hypothetical fishing gear selectivity models, as well as to

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4 length distributions for Sacramento perch from CCO-647 (Miszaniec et al. 2021). Together, we  
5 use this information to estimate fishing methods used to catch thicktail chub and provide insight  
6 into possible seasonality of capture activities. In the future, these formulae can be used in  
7 diachronic studies to evaluate whether fisheries intensification also occurred, for example, as  
8 might be indicated through decreases in average standard length of thicktail chub.  
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## 15 **Background**

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17 Prior to levee construction and the draining of wetlands to promote farming in the late 1800s and  
18 early 1900s, the Delta supported extensive marshlands. By some estimates, this was the largest  
19 estuarine system on the west coast of the Americas. Only around 3% of the Delta's historical  
20 tidal wetland remains today (Whipple, 2012). The Delta's year-round freshwater marshes were  
21 an oasis of productivity during the long dry season, where daily tidal surges cycled in marine  
22 nutrients that supported rich local fisheries. Of the 90 freshwater fish species in the Delta today,  
23 40 are native to the region, and of those, 17 are endemic (Moyle, 2002). The productive Delta  
24 landscape was densely populated by Miwok, Ohlone, Patwin, Pomo, and Yokuts people at the  
25 time of contact (Bennyhoff, 1977; Kroeber, 1925, 1932).  
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33 Combined with upstream damming, the introduction of numerous invasive species, and  
34 runoff from farmlands and urban areas, the ecology of the Delta has dramatically altered over the  
35 last 150 years (Hundley, 2001; Norgaard et al., 2009). These rapid changes have led to decline,  
36 extirpation, and extinction of several native species.  
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41 Thicktail chub were characterized by a short, deep, and thick caudal tail peduncle, and a  
42 short, cone-shaped head. From 101 preserved thicktail chub specimens measured in previous  
43 studies, fish ranged from 49 to 268 mm standard length (SL) with females typically larger  
44 (Miller et al., 1989; Mills and Mamika, 1980). Thicktail chub are thought to have occupied  
45 lowland lakes, sloughs, slow-moving stretches of rivers, and the surface waters of San Francisco  
46 Bay. They are often described as carnivorous, feeding on invertebrates and small fish due to their  
47 stubby gill rakers, short intestines, and hooked pharyngeal teeth (Moyle, 2002) (see Figure 2).  
48 The precise reason(s) for their decline is not well known, but is likely related to alteration of tule  
49 marsh habitats used for spawning, changes to water systems due to reclamation projects and  
50 irrigation, siltation from hydraulic mining, commercial fishing, and/or introduction of invasive  
51 predatory species (Miller, 1963; Mills and Mamika, 1980; Moyle, 2002).  
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**Figure 2:** Sample of thicketail pharyngeal bones included in this study (top left), with blow up of single specimen (right) and magnification of hooked tooth (bottom left).

The few accounts and theories on how thicketail chub were harvested in precontact times vary. Pomo supposedly netted chub along with suckers (family *Catostomidae*), hardhead (*Mylopharodon conocephalus*), pike (*Esox lucius*; which were not found in California in precontact times), and trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) (Johnson, 1978). By contrast, ethnographic reports suggest that Patwin caught chub, perch, and pikeminnow (*Ptychocheilus grandis*) with bipointed bone gorges (Kroeber, 1932). From historical accounts, Bay Miwok fished primarily with them nets from tule rafts (Cook, 1957: 133–137). Based on archaeological data, Talcott (2019) argues that thicketail chub, along with other endemic Delta fish species, were harvested when flood waters receded in the summer, leaving spawning fish stranded in residual pools where they could be caught easily by hand, net, or basket. Despite its popularity in midden

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4 deposits, Yokuts and Southern Valley Yokuts both comment that these fish were not very  
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## 8 9 **Archaeological Specimens**

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11 Archaeological fish bones used to reconstruct original fish length in this study are derived  
12 from two archeological sites in Contra Costa County, CCO-647 and CCO-138 (Figure 1). Both  
13 were village and burial sites located on stabilized sand dunes that rise several meters above the  
14 surrounding marshland.  
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18 CCO-647 was excavated between 2005 and 2007 for an urban development project  
19 (Basin Research 2016). A series of eight AMS radiocarbon dates show that the site was occupied  
20 between 820 and 320 cal BP (Eerkens et al., 2021). Fish made up the vast majority of identified  
21 faunal remains from CCO-647, including those used in this study (Hash et al., 2015). Yet, fishing  
22 related artifacts from CCO-647 were not extensive and consist entirely of piercing (n = 5; e.g.,  
23 harpoon heads) or hook-and-line technologies (n = 6; e.g., gorges and fishhooks). The  
24 importance of fish in local diets was supported by quantitative mixing models based on stable  
25 isotope values of human bone collagen, which estimated that over 60% of dietary protein derived  
26 from freshwater fish (Eerkens et al., 2021: 7).  
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30 Of the fish specimens at CCO-647 identified to family level or lower (NISP = 10,588),  
31 freshwater species dominate, comprising over 98% of the assemblage. Minnows (family  
32 Cyprinidae) comprise 45% (NISP=4,747) of identified elements, followed by Sacramento perch  
33 at 36% (NISP=3,812), and Sacramento sucker at 17% (*Catostomus occidentalis*; NISP=1,784)  
34 (Table 1). Thicktail chub were the most abundant identifiable minnow, accounting for 188 (58%)  
35 of the 325 minnow elements identified to species level. If the percentage of thicktail chub bones  
36 within the sample identified to species level is extrapolated to the entire assemblage of minnow  
37 bones, we estimate that thicktail chub made up 26% of the entire fish assemblage, second only to  
38 Sacramento perch (ca. 36%). This percentage for thicktail chub is likely an underestimate  
39 because only a few elements (i.e., basioccipital, pharyngeal, dentary, cleithrum) are distinctive  
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57 **Table 1:** Number of identified specimens (NISP) of fish remains identified from CCO-647 and CCO-138.  
58 Adjusted NISP were derived for minnow specimens by allocating unidentified minnow specimens into  
59 each identified Cyprinid species according to proportional representation.  
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Taxa		CCO-647			CCO-138		
		NISP	Adj. NISP	Adj. %	NISP	Adj. NISP	Adj. %
Sturgeon	<i>Acipenser</i> sp.	171	171	1.6%	26	26	2.7%
Hardhead	<i>Mylopharodon conocephalus</i>	8	133	1.3%	-	-	-
Sacramento blackfish	<i>Orthodon microlepidotus</i>	19	317	3.0%	-	-	-
Hitch	<i>Lavinia exilicauda</i>	25	417	4.0%	5	132	13.6%
Sacramento pikeminnow	<i>Ptychocheilus grandis</i>	19	317	3.0%	11	291	29.9%
Sacramento splittail	<i>Pogonichthys macrolepidotus</i>	23	384	3.6%	-	-	-
Thicktail chub	<i>Gila crassicauda</i>	188	3136	29.8%	8	211	21.7%
Minnow (unidentified)	Cyprinidae	4422	-	n/a	611	-	n/a
Longfin smelt	<i>Spirinchus thaleichthys</i>	-	-	-	7	-	-
Sacramento sucker	<i>Catostomus occidentalis</i>	1784	1784	16.9%	7	7	0.7%
Trouts and salmon	<i>Salmonidae</i>	15	15	0.1%	7	7	0.7%
Threespine stickleback	<i>Gasterosteus aculeatus</i>	-	-	-	1	1	0.1%
Sacramento perch	<i>Archoplites interruptus</i>	3812	3812	36.2%	288	288	29.6%
Tule perch	<i>Hysterocarpus taski</i>	53	53	0.5%	1	1	0.1%
<b>Total</b>		<b>10,539</b>	<b>10,539</b>		<b>972</b>	<b>972</b>	

The Hotchkiss Mound (CCO-138) was partially excavated over several field seasons by the UC Berkeley archaeological field school in the 1930s through 1950s (Atchley, 1994; Cook and Elsasser, 1956; Cook and Heizer, 1962). A series of 46 AMS radiocarbon dates on materials from these earlier excavations range between 810 and 150 cal BP, showing occupation was contemporaneous with CCO-647 (Eerkens and Bartelink. 2019). Half the fish bones for this study derive from five, one-liter soil samples collected from the surface of the site in 2013. Sediment was water-screened through 1/32" mesh and sorted to isolate fish bones. In total, 2621 fish bones were examined, of which 972 were identified to family level or lower, and 361 to genus or species level (Miszaniec et al., 2018). Minnows account for 65% of the assemblage identified to family level or lower, Sacramento perch are 30%, and Sacramento sucker only 1%. Of the minnow bones, only 24 (4%) could be identified to species, with 11 pikeminnow (46%), eight thicktail chub (33%), and five hitch (21%). If we extrapolate backwards to the fraction of thicktail chub among the minnows, and the fraction of minnows among all fish, we estimate that 22% of all fish at CCO-138 are thicktail chub. This would rank them third behind Sacramento perch (30%) and pikeminnow (30%). An additional eight thicktail chub bones derive from a

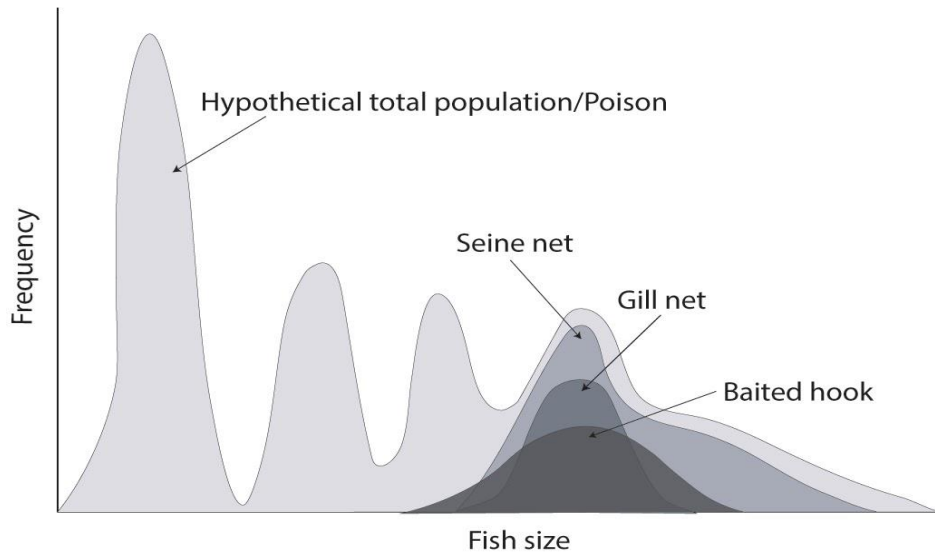
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4 more recent excavation on the apron surrounding the site (report not yet available; Jeff  
5 Rosenthal, personal communication 2023).  
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## 10 11 **Fish Size to Fishing Strategy**

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13 Reconstructed length profiles from archaeological fish assemblages are often used to identify  
14 cultural selection practices (e.g., Desse and Desse-Berset, 1996a; Dombrosky et al., 2022;  
15 Feltham and Marquiss, 1989; Granadeiro and Silva, 2000; Zohar et al., 1997). Such approaches  
16 assume that different harvesting strategies will result in the catch of fish of particular size ranges  
17 (Colley, 1987; Granadeiro and Silva 2000; Greenspan, 1998). The generalized gear selectivity  
18 model assumes that fish are sampled from natural population profiles. Natural profiles are  
19 dominated by younger individuals, while older classes contain progressively fewer individuals  
20 due to natural attrition. Caution should be exercised when comparing archaeological length  
21 distributions to generalized population curves, as population curves are not standard between fish  
22 taxa, and will be influenced by aspects of physiology, ecology, and behavior (Klein, 1982;  
23 Greenspan 1998). Certain fish populations have seasonally regulated growth, characterized by  
24 relatively rapid growth during the first few years of life, which may result in a multimodal size  
25 profile because birth is often seasonal and not evenly distributed throughout the year (Sheldon,  
26 1965; Craig and Oertel, 1966a, 1966b). In addition, fishers are not always sampling from typical  
27 population curves. Many species exhibit cohort-based habitat preference, for example, due to  
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46 Given these assumptions, fish-length distributions are thought to be influenced by fishing  
47 technologies as follows. First, entangling nets (e.g., gill nets) are thought to result in a normal  
48 distribution of fish length, but narrower than the full range of all fish (i.e., smaller variance).  
49 Entangling nets select for fish that enter the mesh opening beyond their gill covers but cannot  
50 pass completely through. By contrast, larger fish will bounce off the net, and smaller fish will  
51 pass through (e.g., Balme 1983). Second, hook and line technologies will result in a similar  
52 normal distribution but with greater variance. Third, piercing technologies (e.g., spears or  
53 harpoons) will tend to capture only larger fish, resulting in less variance and a more negative- (or  
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left-) skew. Fourth, entrapment nets, such as seines and dip nets, will result in a right skew with a sharp left cut off, as small fish may pass through the mesh. Finally, fish poisons will capture all fish, representing a catastrophic or natural profile.



**Figure 3.** Graphical representation of predicted lengths, with a hypothetical natural population (or poison distribution) and hypothetical gear-selectivity curves (adapted from Greenspan, 1998).

Typically, gear selectivity is visually interpreted from histograms. Length distribution curves are based on assumptions related to gear selectivity. Such an approach does not take observer bias into account, nor does it consider how binning influences a histogram’s distribution shape. To interpret the length distribution curves we calculated skewness and kurtosis for each archaeological assemblage, to capture the *shape* of the distribution curves (Figure 3). Broadly, skewness and kurtosis are measures of how a distribution may deviate from that of a normal distribution (Kallner, 2018; Shennan, 1988). Skewness measures the symmetry of a distribution. Kurtosis is a measure of whether the data are heavy-tailed or light-tailed relative to a normal distribution. We then developed generalized assumptions for skewness and kurtosis values for various fishing technologies (Table 2).

**Table 2:** Expected range of length classes, along with expected values of kurtosis and skewness for each fishing technology (modified from Colley, 1987).

Fishing Technology	Range	Kurtosis	Skewness
Fixed gill net	Small skew	~3	-0.5 to 0.5

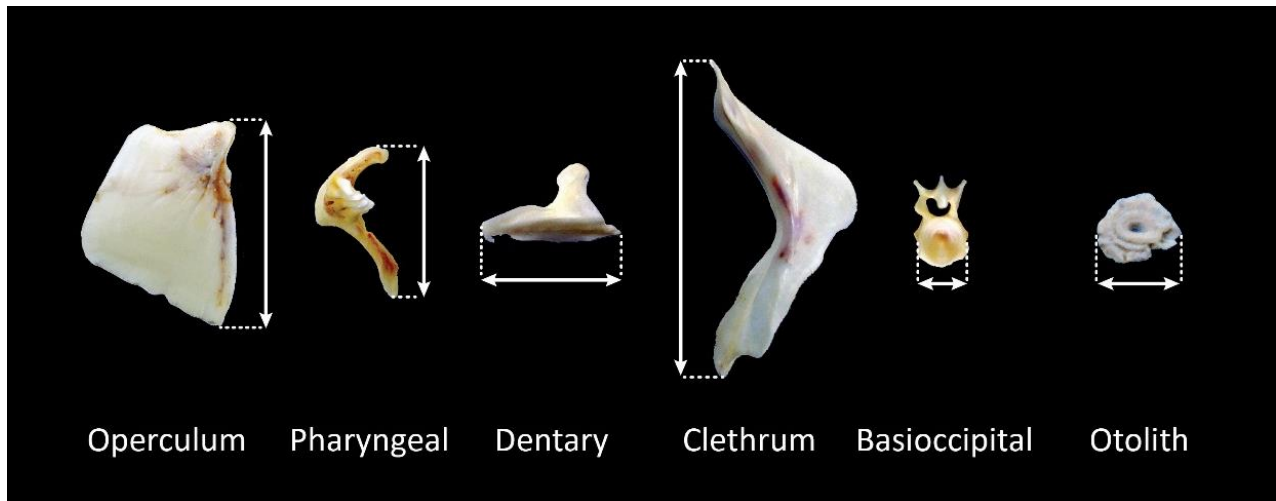
4	Trap	Small skew	~3	-0.5 to 0.5
5	Seine net	Large skew	>3	>0.5
6	Spears and harpoons	Large skew	<3	<-0.5
7	Poison	All sizes	>3	>1
8	Hook and Line	Selective	<3	-0.5 to 0.5

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## Tui Chub Regression

Regression formulae were generated with skeletal elements from modern comparative tui chub (*Siphateles bicolor*; n = 55) of known lengths housed in the Peter D. Schulz Osteoichthyology collection at the University of California, Davis, collected in the 1970s and 1980s from Siskiyou and Shasta County, California, and from Churchill County, Nevada. Length estimation formulae are most effective when tailored for specific species; however, thicktail chub are extinct, and of the few museum specimens that exist, they are almost exclusively preserved whole in alcohol. Tui chub were originally classified within the *Gila* genus but were recently reclassified based on genetic data, rather than osteology, as part of a separate *Siphateles* genus (Harris, 2000); both are within the minnow subfamily Leuciscinae. Because tui chub is closely related and still widespread in many fisheries, we rely on the latter. Although predictive accuracy may decrease when applied to thicktail chub, regression formulae developed for subfamilies or families of marine fish still retain high predictive accuracy across species within those taxonomic categories ( $r^2=0.987$ ) (Barrett, 1994; Desse and Desse-Berset, 1996b, 1996a).

Not all fish retain complete skeletal elements in the osteoichthyology collection, thus sample sizes vary slightly by element. Regression formulae were calculated for six elements of modern tui chub with known standard lengths: basioccipital (n=45), cleithrum (n=47), pharyngeal (n=46), dentary (n=44), opercle (n=45), and otolith (n=39). These elements were selected because they can often be differentiated among cyprinid species. Measurements for pharyngeals, dentaries, cleithrums, and opercles follow procedures established by Leunda et al. (2013: 328). Maximum centrum width and maximum length were taken on the basioccipitals and otoliths respectively (Figure 4). We measured selected skeletal elements for each comparative specimen with a pair of electronic calipers (RCBS) to the nearest 0.1 mm.

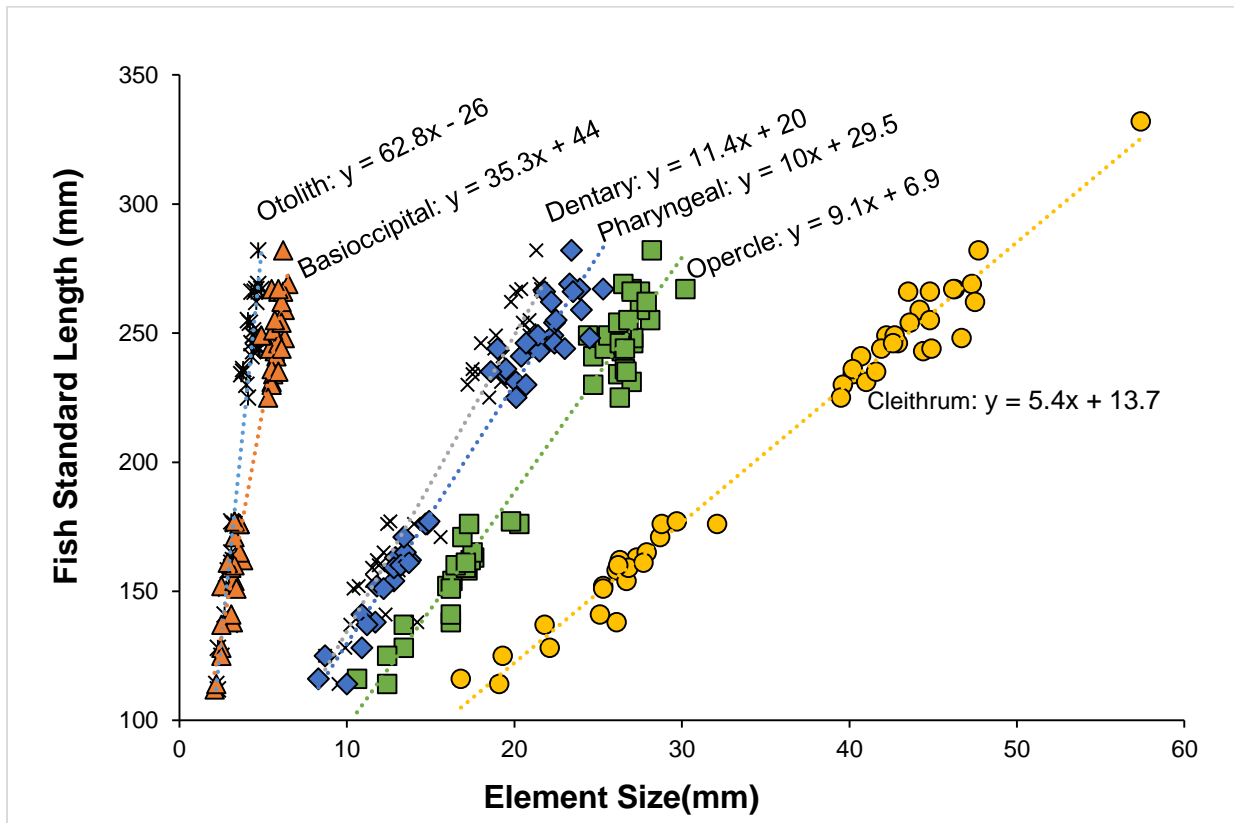


**Figure 4.** Measurements taken on skeletal elements of tui chub from the Peter D. Schulz Osteoichthiology comparative collection. These same measurements were taken on pharyngeals and basioccipitals of thicktail chub archaeological specimens from CCO-138 and CCO-647. Figure prepared by J. Darwent using specimen #5546.

Archaeological fish bone included in this study centers on basioccipitals and pharyngeals because they are diagnostic to species for minnows, were common in the archaeological materials, and were well-preserved (Table 3). However, we provide measurements (Supplemental Data) and regression equations for all six elements for future studies (Figure 5). Standard length (SL; body length from the tip of the fish’s snout to end of the last vertebrae; Rojo, 1991) was selected as the output variable, as it was the most consistently recorded length among the modern tui chub samples. Tui chub fish lengths ranged between 102 and 332 mm (SL). Skeletal measurements for each comparative specimen were then plotted against its known length. Regression formulae were fitted using the “lm” function in R version 4.0.3 (R Core Team 2022) to derive linear equations,  $y = ax + b$ , representing the relationship between selected skeletal measurements (x) and estimated standard length (y). Skeletal lengths for archaeological specimens were then entered into the equation to derive length estimates for the ancient thicktail chub.

**Table 3:** Skeletal elements identified as thicktail chub from CCO-138 and CCO-647.

Site	Basioccipital	Pharyngeal	Total
CCO-138	3	13	16
CCO-647	24	37	61

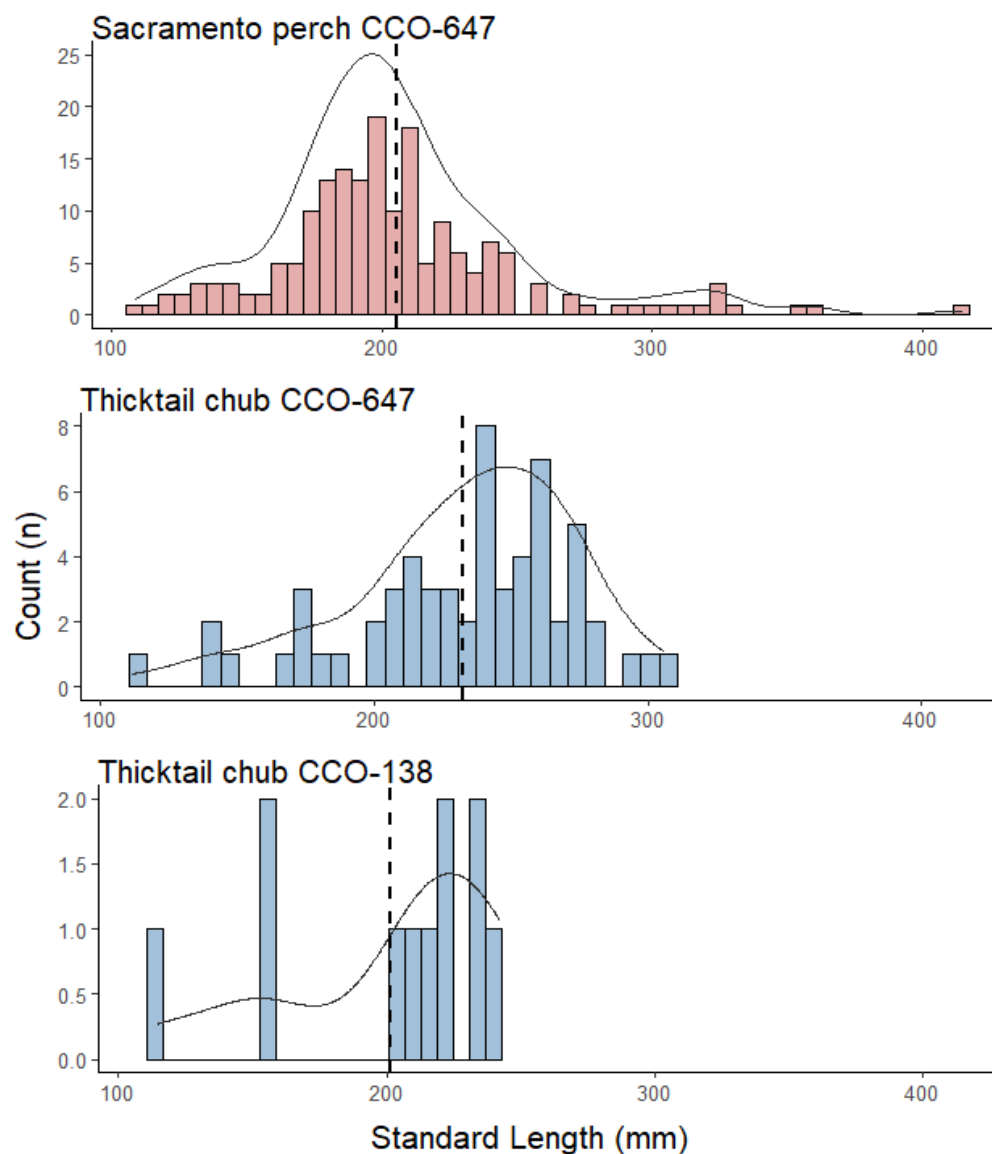


**Figure 5:** Regression analysis for tui chub skeletal element size vs. standard length: basioccipital ( $y = 35.3x + 44$ ); cleithrum ( $y = 5.4x + 13.7$ ); dentary ( $y = 11.4x + 20$ ); opercle ( $y = 9.1x + 6.9$ ); otolith ( $y = 62.8x - 26$ ); pharyngeal ( $y = 10x + 29.5$ ).

## Results

Comparative tui chub specimens appear to represent two distinct size cohorts, with one cluster between 110–180 mm (SL), and the other 220–290 mm (SL; see Figure 6). Entries indicate the fish were caught in three batches, one in July 1986, one in July 1987, and one in March of 1988. While the 1986 batch are all in the smaller size range, the other two batches include fish in both the smaller and larger batch. Regressions show that size of each of the six skeletal elements are strongly correlated with tui chub standard length, with  $R^2$  correlation coefficients ranging between 0.93 and 0.98 (Table 4). In short, well over 90% of the variation in bone size is explained by tui chub standard length.





**Figure 6:** Histograms of Sacramento perch length estimates from CCO-647 (red) (Miszaniec et al., 2021) and thicketail chub length estimates from CCO-138 and CCO-647 (blue), with plotted disruption curve, and a dashed vertical line representing the mean.

**Table 4:** Tui chub regression results using the “lm” function in R version 4.0.3 (R Core Team 2022) to derive linear equations,  $y = ax + b$ , which represents the relationship between selected skeletal measurements (x) and estimated standard length (y).

Element	R <sup>2</sup>	Standard Error	Equation
Basioccipital	0.95	12.4	$y = 35.3x + 44$
Cleithrum	0.98	7.3	$y = 5.4x + 13.7$

Dentary	0.93	13.7	$y = 11.4x + 20$
Opercle	0.96	10.6	$y = 9.1x + 6.9$
Otolith	0.94	13.7	$y = 62.8x - 26$
Pharyngeal	0.96	10.0	$y = 10x + 29.5$

In total, 61 thicketail chub bones from CCO-647 and 11 from CCO-138 were complete enough to include in the size estimate analysis. Using the regression formulae for pharyngeals and basioccipitals, we then predicted fish standard length for each of these 72 specimens. Summary statistics are presented in Table 5, while the on-line appendices provide individual measurements. We estimate that thicketail chub standard lengths ranged between 112- and 305-mm with an average of 232 mm SL at CCO-647, and between 115- and 242 mm SL with an average of 201 mm SL at CCO-138. Fish-length estimates for CCO-647 show a mode at 238 mm (n=7), while specimens at CCO-138 have two modes at 222 mm (n=2) and 236 mm (n=2).

**Table 5:** Descriptive statistics for thicketail chub from CCO-647 and CCO-138, and Sacramento perch from CCO-647 (Miszaniec et al., 2021).

Sample	Mean (mm)	Min (mm)	Max (mm)	Kurtosis	Skewness	n
Thicketail chub (CCO-647)	232	112	306	3.4	-0.78	61
Thicketail chub (CCO-138)	201	115	242	2.7	-1.00	11
Sacramento perch (CCO-647)	196	113	367	5.8	1.16	182

## Discussion

Combining modern known length fish estimates with archaeological data provides new insight on the size of precontact thicketail chub. The maximum standard length of 306 mm SL (n=72) is about 35 mm longer than the maximum lengths recorded from preserved museum specimens (n=101; Miller 1963). However, this length discrepancy may be a product of several factors. Fish lengths are often correlated with health, and the availability of nutritional energy in an environment (Shin et al., 2005). Decreased fish length among 20<sup>th</sup> century samples may indicate that populations that were already in decline due to habitat degradation or competition with invasive species by the time these specimens were collected (Moyle, 2002). Longer archaeological specimens may indicate healthier populations in precolonial environments.

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4 Although such an interpretation is tempting, we acknowledge that longer lengths may  
5 alternatively be due to methodological and sampling biases. By relying on tui chub to build the  
6 regression formulae, the predictive accuracy of the equations may have decreased (Barrett, 1994;  
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8 Desse and Desse-Berset, 1996a). In addition, the 101 museum specimens measured by Miller  
9 (1963) may have been biased either by location or method of collection, and only represent a  
10 small sample of thicketail chub.  
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15 Thicketail chub length distributions from both archaeological sites were moderately  
16 skewed to the right (skewness of -1 and -0.8 for the two sites). Kurtosis for specimens from  
17 CCO-647 suggest a relatively high and sharp peak, and a long and flat tail (Kallner, 2018;  
18 Shennan, 1988). Kurtosis values for CCO-138 suggest a low and broad distribution with a  
19 shorter and thinner tail. Thicketail chub length distributions also display a high concentration of  
20 fish measuring greater than 200 mm (SL). As fish length is often correlated with age (Shin et al.,  
21 2005), it is likely that longer fish represent older individuals. This bias towards larger adult fish  
22 counters the hypothetical total population model, which would contain a higher frequency of  
23 younger small-bodied fish. Although SL distributions for archaeological thicketail chub have not  
24 previously been published, they differ from tui chub SL distributions from California, Nevada,  
25 and Oregon. Tui chub lengths were either dominated by small fish, or the distributions followed  
26 a bell curve, suggesting that fish were caught with the use of gill or entrapment nets (Butler,  
27 1996; Greenspan, 1998; Raymond and Sobel, 1990).  
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39 Thicketail chub length distributions are also distinct from archaeological Sacramento  
40 perch lengths from CCO-647 (see Miszaniec et al., 2021). The shape of Sacramento perch length  
41 distributions match that of expected curves for entrapment nets (i.e., sein or dip nets). However,  
42 Miszaniec et al. (2021) note that the Sacramento perch length distribution may also represent  
43 sampling of nearshore spawning adults rather than signs of cultural selection. We believe there  
44 are three non-mutually exclusive scenarios that may have produced length curve biasing toward  
45 longer thicketail chub in archaeological specimens.  
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51 First, the results could represent selective harvesting of sub-populations of thicketail chub.  
52 Depending on age, fish will exhibit different seasonal movements and habitat preferences. A bias  
53 towards long fish may reflect a distinct population cohort representing seasonal movement  
54 mitigated by life history development. For instance, a bias towards adult fish may reflect a  
55 spawning population. Many fish of the Delta congregate *en masse* in the spring, and move to  
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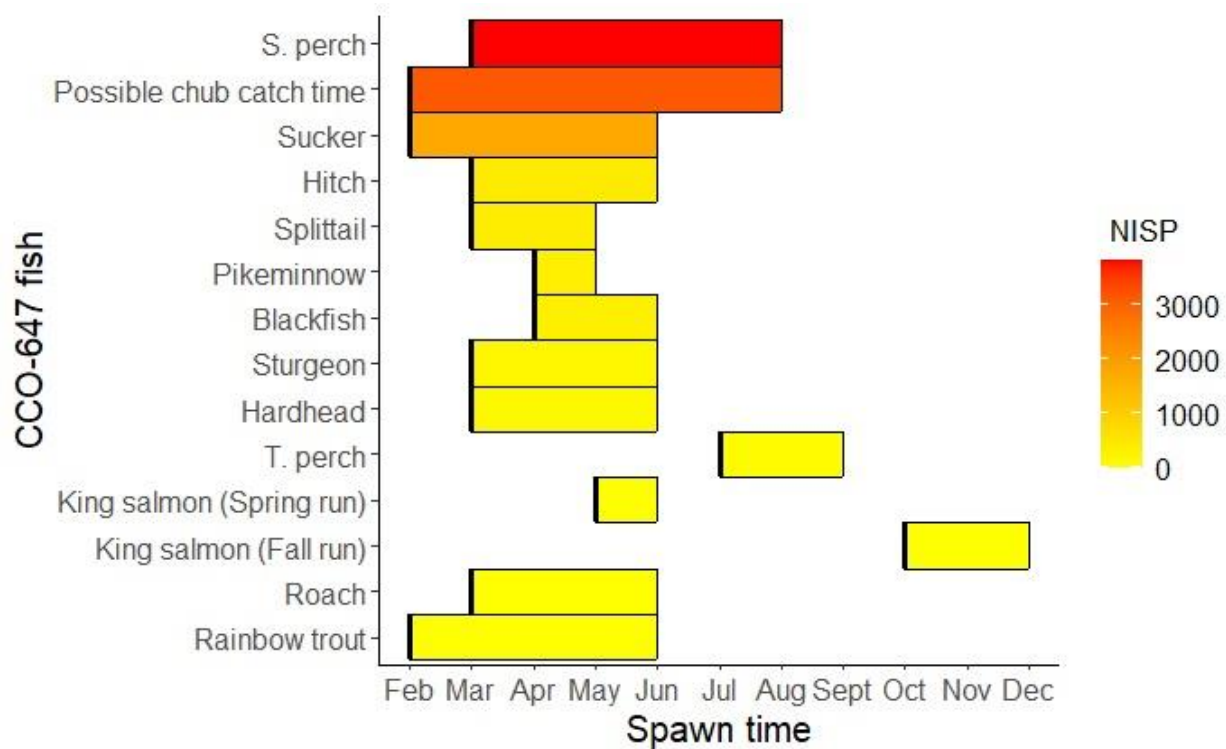
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4 environments such as floodplains, streams, or backwaters to spawn, which would have increased  
5 likelihood of capture (Moyle, 2002). The most numerous fish from CCO-647, Sacramento perch  
6 and Sacramento suckers, both spawn in the spring, and although they exhibit varied habitat  
7 preferences, both can spawn in floodplain environments.  
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11 Second, the results could represent use of a particular fishing technology. Of the  
12 hypothetical selectivity curves, the thicketail chub distributions match best with expectations for  
13 single capture methods, such as piercing (e.g., spears or harpoons) and possibly hook-and-line  
14 technologies. Both techniques create a bias toward longer fish. In line with this interpretation,  
15 artifacts representing both piercing and hook-and-line technologies were recovered at CCO-647  
16 (Basin Research Associates, 2016). Fishing with either a harpoon or spear could have occurred in  
17 shallow waters, especially if fish were spawning (Bennyhoff, 1950). From compiled  
18 ethnographic accounts, Lindstrom (1996) notes that at peak spawning, an average of 10 fish can  
19 be speared or harpooned in an hour. In hook-and-line technologies, fish size is mitigated mainly  
20 by hook size. While most minnows are difficult to catch with hook and line, the thicketail chub's  
21 hypothesized insectivorous diet may have made them vulnerable to hooking, due to its presumed  
22 predatory nature (John Lyons pers. comm., 2023; Moyle 2002).  
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26 Third, length distributions may have been influenced by post-capture human selection.  
27 Typically, body size correlates with higher meat yields (Broughton, 1999). Such an observation  
28 would be in line with theories derived from optimal foraging theory which postulate that humans  
29 strive to maximize caloric returns (MacArthur and Pianka, 1966). Regardless of how fish were  
30 caught, a preferential selection for larger fish could have truncated a normal distribution curve.  
31 On the other hand, experiments undertaken by Raymond and Sobel (1990) found that small  
32 schooling tui chub caught through mass harvesting (nets) had higher return rates than larger fish,  
33 as the latter required longer processing time. It must also be noted that netting technologies incur  
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39 Although the distribution curve of thicketail chub could have been produced by several  
40 factors (as listed above), we propose that they were primarily speared. Such an observation is  
41 supported when taking the length distributions of thicketail chub into consideration with those of  
42 Sacramento perch from CCO-647, which likely represent nearshore spawning adults (Miszaniec  
43 et al., 2021). Overlapping spawning time of several fish species, would have made shallow water  
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spearing a lucrative activity. As discussed earlier, fish remains at both CCO sites were dominated by medium- to small-bodied species preferring slow moving waters. The widespread precontact wetland environment likely increased habitat suitability for these endemic fish, making spearing return rates for thicketail chub higher than other fishing techniques. Based on the known timing of spawning for the two other most abundant fish recovered from CCO-647, Sacramento perch and Sacramento sucker, we suggest that most thicketail chub were harvested in spring and early summer (Figure 7).



**Figure 7:** Spawning times of fish taxa recovered from CCO-647 (based on Moyle 2002); color scale represents adjusted NISP.

### Conclusion

We developed regression formulae from comparative tui chub specimens for several skeletal elements to estimate standard length for the now extinct thicketail chub. These formulae can be used for tui chub and thicketail chub remains from other archaeological sites, and they have the potential to shed light on growth dynamics for both chubs, adding nuance to the unique

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4 Indigenous technologies and fisheries across Central California. As well, the formulae can be  
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10 Length estimation from archaeological specimens from the two archaeological sites  
11 examined here indicate that thicketail chub were longer than previously-recorded, historic-period  
12 museum specimens. Maximum ancient fish length was estimated at 306mm. The distribution of  
13 archaeological lengths showed a skew toward longer individuals. When taken together with  
14 length estimates for Sacramento perch, and when compared to the overall ichthyofaunal  
15 assemblage, we conclude that thicketail chub were likely speared when they were in shallow  
16 waters. Based on optimal foraging models, this probably occurred during spring and early  
17 summer at peak spawning time.  
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**Table 1:** Number of identified specimens (NISP) of fish remains identified from CCO-647 and CCO-138. Adjusted NISP were derived for minnow specimens by allocating unidentified minnow specimens into each identified Cyprinid species according to proportional representation.

Taxa		CCO-647			CCO-138		
		NISP	Adj. NISP	Adj. %	NISP	Adj. NISP	Adj. %
Sturgeon	<i>Acipenser</i> sp.	171	171	1.6%	26	26	2.7%
Hardhead	<i>Mylopharodon conocephalus</i>	8	133	1.3%	-	-	-
Sacramento blackfish	<i>Orthodon microlepidotus</i>	19	317	3.0%	-	-	-
Hitch	<i>Lavinia exilicauda</i>	25	417	4.0%	5	132	13.6%
Sacramento pikeminnow	<i>Ptychocheilus grandis</i>	19	317	3.0%	11	291	29.9%
Sacramento splittail	<i>Pogonichthys macrolepidotus</i>	23	384	3.6%	-	-	-
Thicktail chub	<i>Gila crassicauda</i>	188	3136	29.8%	8	211	21.7%
Minnow (unidentified)	Cyprinidae	4422	-	n/a	611	-	n/a
Longfin smelt	<i>Spirinchus thaleichthys</i>	-	-	-	7	-	-
Sacramento sucker	<i>Catostomus occidentalis</i>	1784	1784	16.9%	7	7	0.7%
Trouts and salmon	<i>Salmonidae</i>	15	15	0.1%	7	7	0.7%
Threespine stickleback	<i>Gasterosteus aculeatus</i>	-	-	-	1	1	0.1%
Sacramento perch	<i>Archoplites interruptus</i>	3812	3812	36.2%	288	288	29.6%
Tule perch	<i>Hysterocarpus taski</i>	53	53	0.5%	1	1	0.1%
<b>Total</b>		<b>10,539</b>	<b>10,539</b>		<b>972</b>	<b>972</b>	



**Table 2:** Expected range of length classes, along with expected values of kurtosis and skewness for each fishing technology (modified from Colley, 1987).

<b>Fishing Technology</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Kurtosis</b>	<b>Skewness</b>
Fixed gill net	Small skew	~3	-0.5 to 0.5
Trap	Small skew	~3	-0.5 to 0.5
Seine net	Large skew	>3	>0.5
Spears and harpoons	Large skew	<3	<-0.5
Poison	All sizes	>3	>1
Hook and Line	Selective	<3	-0.5 to 0.5

**Table 3:** Skeletal elements identified as thicketail chub from CCO-138 and CCO-647.

<b>Site</b>	<b>Basioccipital</b>	<b>Pharyngeal</b>	<b>Total</b>
CCO-138	3	13	16
CCO-647	24	37	61
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>77</b>

**Table 4:** Tui chub regression results using the “lm” function in R version 4.0.3 (R Core Team 2022) to derive linear equations,  $y = ax + b$ , which represents the relationship between selected skeletal measurements (x) and estimated standard length (y).

<b>Element</b>	<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Standard Error</b>	<b>Equation</b>
Basioccipital	0.95	12.4	$y = 35.3x + 44$
Cleithrum	0.98	7.3	$y = 5.4x + 13.7$
Dentary	0.93	13.7	$y = 11.4x + 20$
Opercle	0.96	10.6	$y = 9.1x + 6.9$
Otolith	0.94	13.7	$y = 62.8x - 26$
Pharyngeal	0.96	10.0	$y = 10x + 29.5$

**Table 5:** Descriptive statistics for thicktail chub from CCO-647 and CCO-138, and Sacramento perch from CCO-647 (Miszaniec et al., 2021).

<b>Sample</b>	<b>Mean (mm)</b>	<b>Min (mm)</b>	<b>Max (mm)</b>	<b>Kurtosis</b>	<b>Skewness</b>	<b>n</b>
Thicktail chub (CCO-647)	232	112	306	3.4	-0.78	61
Thicktail chub (CCO-138)	201	115	242	2.7	-1.00	11
Sacramento perch (CCO-647)	196	113	367	5.8	1.16	182

Site#	Field Collection (FC) Bag#	Sample#	Genus	Species	Common Name	Skeletal Element	Element Measurement (mm)
CA-CCO-647	2084	2084	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	basioccipital	5.7
CA-CCO-647	20i	20i-A	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	basioccipital	5.0
CA-CCO-647	20i	20i-B	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	basioccipital	6.1
CA-CCO-647	272i	272i-D	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	basioccipital	6.2
CA-CCO-647	272i	272i-E	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	basioccipital	5.4
CA-CCO-647	272i	272i-F	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	basioccipital	4.7
CA-CCO-647	361g	361g-B	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	basioccipital	3.6
CA-CCO-647	361g	361g-C	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	basioccipital	3.6
CA-CCO-647	502h	502h-E	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	basioccipital	5.8
CA-CCO-647	510/516	510/516-A	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	basioccipital	6.1
CA-CCO-647	510/516	510/516-B	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	basioccipital	7.4
CA-CCO-647	510/516	510/516-C	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	basioccipital	5.5
CA-CCO-647	510/516	510/516-D	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	basioccipital	6.2
CA-CCO-647	510/516	510/516-E	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	basioccipital	4.5
CA-CCO-647	520h	520h-C	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	basioccipital	6.5
CA-CCO-647	520h	520h-D	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	basioccipital	7.1
CA-CCO-647	520h	520h-E	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	basioccipital	6.1
CA-CCO-647	520h	520h-F	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	basioccipital	5.5
CA-CCO-647	520h	520h-G	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	basioccipital	6.6
CA-CCO-647	526g	526g	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	basioccipital	6.4
CA-CCO-647	5h	5h	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	basioccipital	4.7
CA-CCO-647	64h	64h-E	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	basioccipital	4.9
CA-CCO-647	908g	908g	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	basioccipital	5.5
CA-CCO-647	913g	913g	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	basioccipital	4.5
CA-CCO-647	2084	2084	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	22.4
CA-CCO-647	108d	108d-A	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	15.3
CA-CCO-647	108h	108h-A	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	22.1
CA-CCO-647	108h	108h-B	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	20.1
CA-CCO-647	120f	120f	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	20.8
CA-CCO-647	15i	15i-A	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	20.8
CA-CCO-647	15i	15i-B	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	24.4
CA-CCO-647	15i	15i-C	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	15.9
CA-CCO-647	265i	265i-A	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	21.6
CA-CCO-647	265i	265i-B	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	24.4
CA-CCO-647	265i	265i-C	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	19.8
CA-CCO-647	265i	265i-D	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	22.7
CA-CCO-647	265i	265i-E	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	14.0
CA-CCO-647	272d	272d-A	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	8.2
CA-CCO-647	272d	272d-B	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	11.0
CA-CCO-647	272i	272i-A	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	21.2
CA-CCO-647	272i	272i-B	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	24.9

CA-CCO-647	272i	272i-C	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	22.4
CA-CCO-647	278g	278g	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	11.8
CA-CCO-647	361g	361g-A	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	10.8
CA-CCO-647	502h	502h-A	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	23.1
CA-CCO-647	502h	502h-B	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	24.4
CA-CCO-647	502h	502h-C	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	23.8
CA-CCO-647	502h	502h-D	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	19.1
CA-CCO-647	510/516	510/516-F	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	19.2
CA-CCO-647	510/516	510/516-G	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	14.2
CA-CCO-647	520h	520h-A	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	27.3
CA-CCO-647	520h	520h-B	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	21.4
CA-CCO-647	55i	55i	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	19.8
CA-CCO-647	59i	59i-A	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	24.8
CA-CCO-647	64h	64h-A	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	21.0
CA-CCO-647	64h	64h-B	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	18.3
CA-CCO-647	64h	64h-C	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	18.1
CA-CCO-647	64h	64h-D	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	18.3
CA-CCO-647	67g	67g	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	17.4
CA-CCO-647	706g	706g-A	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	19.9
CA-CCO-647	712f	712f-A	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub	pharyngeal	23.0

**Predicted  
Standard  
Length (mm)**

245.50  
220.77  
259.63  
263.17  
234.90  
210.17  
171.31  
171.31  
249.03  
259.63  
305.56  
238.44  
263.17  
203.11  
273.77  
294.96  
259.63  
238.44  
277.30  
270.23  
210.17  
217.24  
238.44  
203.11  
253.99  
182.85  
250.98  
230.94  
237.96  
237.96  
274.03  
188.86  
245.97  
274.03  
227.94  
256.99  
169.82  
111.70  
139.76  
241.96  
279.04

253.99  
147.78  
137.76  
261.00  
274.03  
268.02  
220.92  
221.92  
171.82  
303.09  
243.97  
227.94  
278.04  
239.96  
212.91  
210.90  
212.91  
203.89  
228.94  
260.00



Site#	Context	Sample#	Genus	Species	Common Name
CA-CCO-138	mound apron	1397-A	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub
CA-CCO-138	mound apron	1397-B	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub
CA-CCO-138	northwest slope of mound	9A	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub
CA-CCO-138	mound apron	1397-C	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub
CA-CCO-138	top of mound, east side	3A	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub
CA-CCO-138	top of mound, east side	4A	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub
CA-CCO-138	top of mound, east side	4B	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub
CA-CCO-138	top of mound, east side	4C	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub
CA-CCO-138	top of mound, east side	5A	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub
CA-CCO-138	north slope of mound	7A	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub
CA-CCO-138	north slope of mound	7B	Gila	crassicauda	thicktail chub

<b>Skeletal Element</b>	<b>Element Measurement (mm)</b>	<b>Predicted Standard Length (mm)</b>
basioccipital	3.1	153
basioccipital	4.6	206
basioccipital	5.6	242
pharyngeal	19.2	222
pharyngeal	12.5	155
pharyngeal	20.6	236
pharyngeal	8.5	115
pharyngeal	20.6	236
pharyngeal	18.0	210
pharyngeal	19.2	222
pharyngeal	18.7	217

UCDZL#	Genus	Species	Common_Name	State	County	Locality	Collector	Date_Collected
5037	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	NV	Churchill	Stillwater	W US Fish and	1986/7/1
5546	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	NV	Churchill	Stillwater	W US Fish and	1986/7/1
5547	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	NV	Churchill	Stillwater	W US Fish and	1986/7/1
5548	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	NV	Churchill	Stillwater	W US Fish and	1986/7/1
5549	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	NV	Churchill	Stillwater	W US Fish and	1986/7/1
5550	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	NV	Churchill	Stillwater	W US Fish and	1986/7/1
5551	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	NV	Churchill	Stillwater	W US Fish and	1986/7/1
5552	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	NV	Churchill	Stillwater	W US Fish and	1986/7/1
5553	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	NV	Churchill	Stillwater	W US Fish and	1986/7/1
5554	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5556	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5557	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5558	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5559	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5560	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5565	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5567	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5576	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5577	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5578	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5579	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5580	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5581	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5582	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5583	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5584	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5585	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5586	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5587	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5588	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5589	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5590	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5591	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5592	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5596	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5597	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5598	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5603	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5604	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5605	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5612	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23
5613	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete	1987/7/23

5665	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete 1987/7/23
5666	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete 1987/7/23
5803	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Schulz, Pete 1987/7/28
5815	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Taylor, T. 1988/3/2
5823	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Taylor, T. 1988/3/2
5825	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Taylor, T. 1988/3/2
5826	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Taylor, T. 1988/3/2
5836	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Taylor, T. 1988/3/2
5838	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Taylor, T. 1988/3/2
5839	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Taylor, T. 1988/3/2
5844	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Taylor, T. 1988/3/2
5848	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Shasta	Big Lake	Taylor, T. 1988/3/2
5849	Siphateles	bicolor	tui chub	CA	Siskiyou	Klamath Riv	Moyle, Pete 1970s

SL	Pharyngeal	Dentary	Cleithrum	Opercle	Basioccipita	Otolith
176	14.8	14	32.1	20.3	3.6	3.2
163	12.9		27.3	17.6		
158	12.9	13.1	26.1	17.2		2.9
138	11.7	14.2	26.1	16.2	3.2	
152	11.8	10.7	25.3	16	2.5	
162	13.8	11.8	26.3	17.4	3.8	3.2
165	13.5	12.2	27.9	17.5	3.6	3.1
141	10.9	12.3	25.1	16.2	3.1	2.7
171	13.4	15.6	28.7	16.9	3.3	
243	21.5	20.7	44.4	26.4	5.7	4.4
266						
267	23.9	20.4	46.3	27	5.5	4.9
249	22.3	20.9	42.2	24.4	5.6	4.4
176	14.7	12.4	28.8	17.3	3.6	3.3
234	19.5	17.5	40.2	26.2	5.6	3.7
266	21.8	20.1	43.5	27.5	5.9	4.3
241	20.4	19.3	40.7	24.7	5.8	4.3
112					2.1	2.3
255				28.1		
269	23.3	21.5	47.3	26.5	6.5	4.7
259	24		44.2	27.5	6.3	
231	20.1	19.2	41	27	5.5	
266	23.5	21.7	44.8	27	6.2	4.5
154	12.8	11.5	26.7	16.3	3.3	3
246	22.4	20.9	42.9	27.1	5.9	
159	12.8	11.5	26.8	17.1	3.1	3.1
244	19	18.8	41.9	25.4	5.4	4.7
248	24.5	21.6	46.7	27.1	6.3	4.6
262	22.2	19.8	47.5	27.9	6.1	4.6
160	13.2	11.9	26.2	16.5	3.3	
249	21.4	18.9	42.7	25.6	4.9	4.4
230	20.7	17.2	39.6	24.7	5.5	4
251		20.9		26.4	5.6	4.4
156						
128	10.9	9.9	22.1	13.4	2.5	2.3
332			57.4			
282	23.4	21.3	47.7	28.2	6.2	4.7
254	22.4	20.5	43.6	26.2	6.1	4.2
246	20.7	18	42.6	26.3	5.9	4.3
236	19.5	17.5	40.2	26.6	5.5	3.8
235	18.6	18	41.6	26.7	5.9	3.8
125	8.7	8.7	19.3	12.4	2.5	2.5

112						
137	11.2	10.2	21.8	13.4	2.5	3
255	22.5	20.9	44.8	26.8	5.7	4.1
267	25.3	21.6	46.2	30.2	5.9	4.6
244	23	20.6	44.9	26.6	6.1	4.8
177	14.9	12.6	29.7	19.8	3.3	3.1
102						
225	20.1	18.5	39.5	26.3	5.3	4.1
161	13.7	12.8	27.7	17.1	2.9	3.1
151	12.2	10.4	25.3	16.2	3.4	2.8
216						
114	10	9.5	19.1	12.4	2.2	2.2
116	8.3		16.8	10.6		