

Supplementary Table 6. Split-sample frequency of occurrence (SSFO) by prey group and by the lowest taxon identified for prey consumed by California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) by year and for fall in each year sampled in northwest Washington during 2010–2013. Split-sample frequency of occurrence calculations for prey group and for the lowest taxon identified were performed separately and as a result have slightly different values.

	2010	2011	2012	Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2012
No. of samples containing >0 identifiable prey	39	96	116	39	49	70
Prey group	SSFO					
Herrings, shads, sardines: family Clupeidae	41.8%	36.7%	38.2%	41.8%	46.8%	51.0%
Clupeids, unidentified	20.7%	13.0%	10.5%	20.7%	14.0%	11.5%
Pacific herring (<i>Clupea pallasii</i>)	19.3%	8.2%	15.8%	19.3%	4.7%	20.6%
Pacific sardine (<i>Sardinops sagax</i>)	1.5%	9.3%	7.3%	1.5%	18.3%	12.1%
American shad (<i>Alosa sapidissima</i>)	1.3%	8.6%	5.6%	1.3%	13.5%	8.3%
Salmon: family Salmonidae	11.6%	11.7%	15.5%	11.6%	12.1%	16.4%
Salmon or trout, unidentified	11.5%	11.1%	15.3%	11.5%	11.1%	16.1%
Rockfishes: family Sebastidae	0.0%	11.1%	10.8%	0.0%	2.5%	2.7%
Rockfish (<i>Sebastes</i> spp.)	0.0%	10.8%	10.8%	0.0%	2.4%	2.7%
Skates: family Rajidae	1.3%	1.8%	2.2%	1.3%	0.5%	1.5%
Skates, unidentified	1.3%	1.6%	2.1%	1.3%	0.5%	1.5%
Dogfish sharks: family Squalidae	3.1%	8.5%	8.7%	3.1%	7.8%	6.4%
Pacific spiny dogfish (<i>Squalus suckleyi</i>)	3.0%	8.0%	8.7%	3.0%	7.0%	6.4%
Flatfishes: order Pleuronectiformes	4.7%	3.0%	4.7%	4.7%	2.6%	3.9%
Starry flounder (<i>Platichthys stellatus</i>)	0.9%	0.0%	1.1%	0.9%	0.0%	0.5%
Righteye flounders, family Pleuronectidae	2.6%	0.3%	0.7%	2.6%	0.3%	1.0%
Arrowtooth flounder (<i>Atheresthes stomias</i>)	0.0%	1.0%	2.4%	0.0%	1.9%	1.9%
Flatfishes, unidentified	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%
Dover sole (<i>Microstomus pacificus</i>)	0.0%	0.7%	0.6%	0.0%	0.2%	0.8%
Rex sole (<i>Glyptocephalus zachirus</i>)	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Sanddabs (<i>Citharichthys</i> spp.)	1.3%	0.5%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Hakes: family Merlucciidae	23.4%	13.5%	5.5%	23.4%	18.0%	4.6%
Pacific hake (<i>Merluccius productus</i>)	23.0%	13.0%	5.3%	23.0%	17.0%	4.5%
Anchovies: family Engraulidae	10.7%	6.2%	2.1%	10.7%	7.1%	2.2%
Northern anchovy (<i>Engraulis mordax</i>)	10.5%	5.9%	1.9%	10.5%	6.5%	2.0%
Squids and octopuses: class Cephalopoda	0.9%	3.5%	4.9%	0.9%	1.0%	2.5%
Squids and octopuses, unidentified	0.9%	2.0%	3.1%	0.9%	0.0%	0.5%
Octopuses, unidentified	0.0%	1.3%	1.3%	0.0%	0.7%	1.1%
Squids, unidentified	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%

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Cods: family Gadidae	1.3%	0.6%	3.3%	1.3%	0.0%	3.0%
Cods, unidentified	1.3%	0.6%	1.6%	1.3%	0.0%	1.5%
Pacific cod (<i>Gadus macrocephalus</i>)	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%
Walleye pollock (<i>Gadus chalcogrammus</i>)	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%
Pacific tomcod (<i>Microgadus proximus</i>)	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%
Greenlings: family Hexagrammidae	0.0%	0.5%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%
Lingcod (<i>Ophiodon elongatus</i>)	0.0%	0.5%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%
Hexagrammids, unidentified	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%
Smelts: family Osmeridae	0.4%	1.2%	2.1%	0.4%	1.2%	3.5%
Smelts, unidentified	0.4%	1.1%	2.1%	0.4%	0.9%	3.5%
Eulachon (<i>Thaleichthys pacificus</i>)	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%
Sand lances: family Ammodytidae	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Pacific sand lance (<i>Ammodytes hexapterus</i>)	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Lampreys: family Petromyzontidae	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%
Pacific lamprey (<i>Entosphenus tridentatus</i>)	0.0%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
Sculpins: family Cottidae	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%
Sculpins, unidentified	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%
Snailfishes: family Liparidae	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%
Snailfishes, unidentified	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%
Hagfishes: family Myxinidae	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Pacific hagfish (<i>Eptatretus stoutii</i>)	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Eelpouts: family Zoarcidae	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Eelpouts, unidentified	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Jacks: family Carangidae	0.9%	0.2%	0.0%	0.9%	0.3%	0.0%
Jack mackerel (<i>Trachurus symmetricus</i>)	0.6%	0.1%	0.0%	0.6%	0.3%	0.0%