

**Time-scales alter the inferred strength and temporal consistency of
intraspecific diet specialization.**

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Supplementary Material

S4. Consequences of classifying prey into functional categories

Table S4.1. Sea otter prey items as used in the main text, and their categorization following Tinker et al. (2008; 2012).

Highest resolvable prey taxon	Functional category
<i>Haliotis spp.</i>	Abalone
Bivalve, <i>unid.</i>	Bivalve
Clam, <i>unid.</i>	Bivalve
Cockle, <i>unid.</i>	Bivalve
Gaper clam	Bivalve
Razor clam	Bivalve
Rock jingle	Bivalve
Scallop, <i>unid.</i>	Bivalve
Washington clam	Bivalve
<i>Cancer spp.</i>	Cancer crab
<i>Logio sp.</i> , squid	Cephalopod
<i>Octopus sp.</i>	Cephalopod
Crab, <i>unid.</i>	Decapod
Decorator crabs	Decapod
<i>Pugettia sp.</i> , Kelp crab	Kelp crab
<i>Modiolus sp.</i> , Horse mussel	Mussel
<i>Mytilus sp.</i> or <i>Musculus sp.</i> mussel	Mussel
Algae	Other
Anemone	Other
Barnacle	Other
Chiton	Other
Coralline algae	Other
Crustacean, <i>unid.</i>	Other
Isopod	Other
Limpet	Other
Mollusk, <i>unid.</i>	Other
Nudibranch	Other
Ochre star	Other
Sea cucumber	Other
Sponge	Other
Tunicate	Other
<i>Emerita sp.</i> or <i>Blepharipoda sp.</i> sand crab	Other sand habitat
Sand dollar	Other sand habitat
<i>Astroidea</i> seastar	Seastar
<i>Ophiuroidea</i> brittlestar	Seastar
Gastropod	Snail
Green urchin	Urchin
Purple urchin	Urchin
Red urchin	Urchin
<i>Annelida</i> worm	Worm
Fat innkeeper worm	Worm
Worm-like, <i>unid.</i>	Worm

Table S4.2. As in Table 1 of main text, but with *prey grouped into functional categories*.

Index	Monterey Peninsula (<i>MON</i>)			Pt. Piedras Blancas (<i>PBL</i>)		
	Observed	Expected	<i>p</i>	Observed	Expected	<i>p</i>
S_J	0.60	0.95-0.97	<0.001	0.69	0.92-0.96	<0.001
S_{Ja}	0.59	0.99-1.00	<0.001	0.74	0.99-1.00	<0.001
S_{Je}	0.61	0.99-1.00	<0.001	0.76	0.99-1.00	<0.001
S_{PS}	0.31	0.89-0.90	<0.001	0.40	0.90-0.92	<0.001

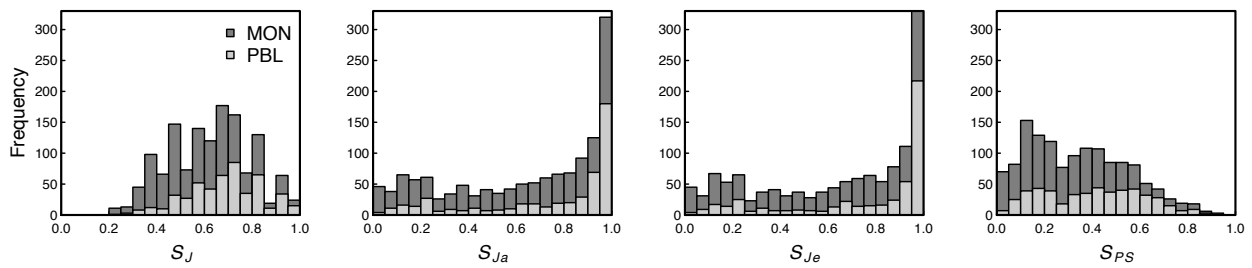


Figure S4.1. Frequency distribution of all pairwise individual-to-individual diet similarity comparisons by index using *prey grouped into functional categories*.

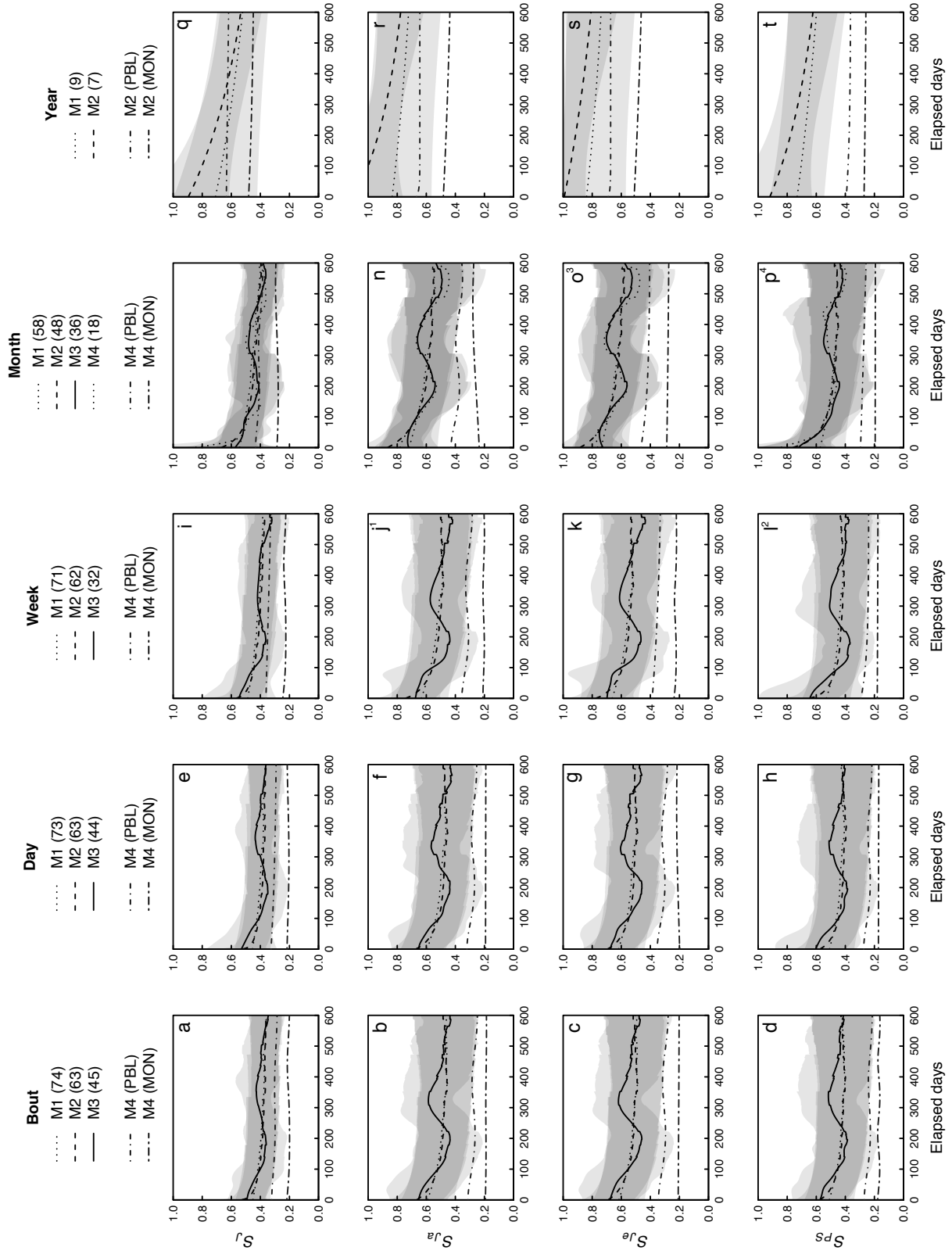


Figure S4.2. As in Figure 1 of main text, but with *prey grouped into functional categories*.

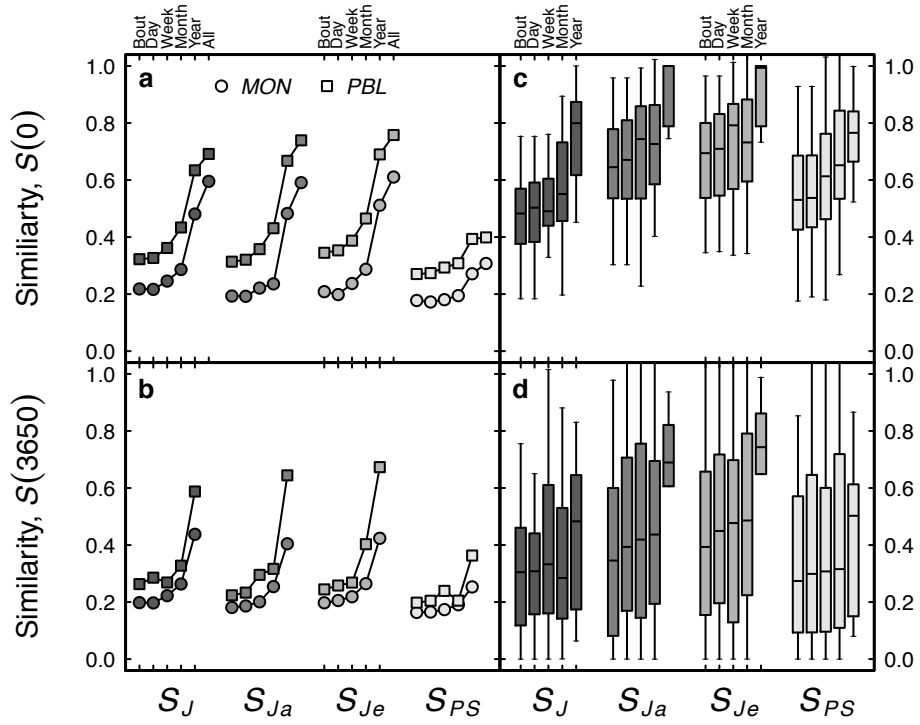


Figure S4.3. As in Figure 2 of main text, but with *prey* grouped into *functional categories*.

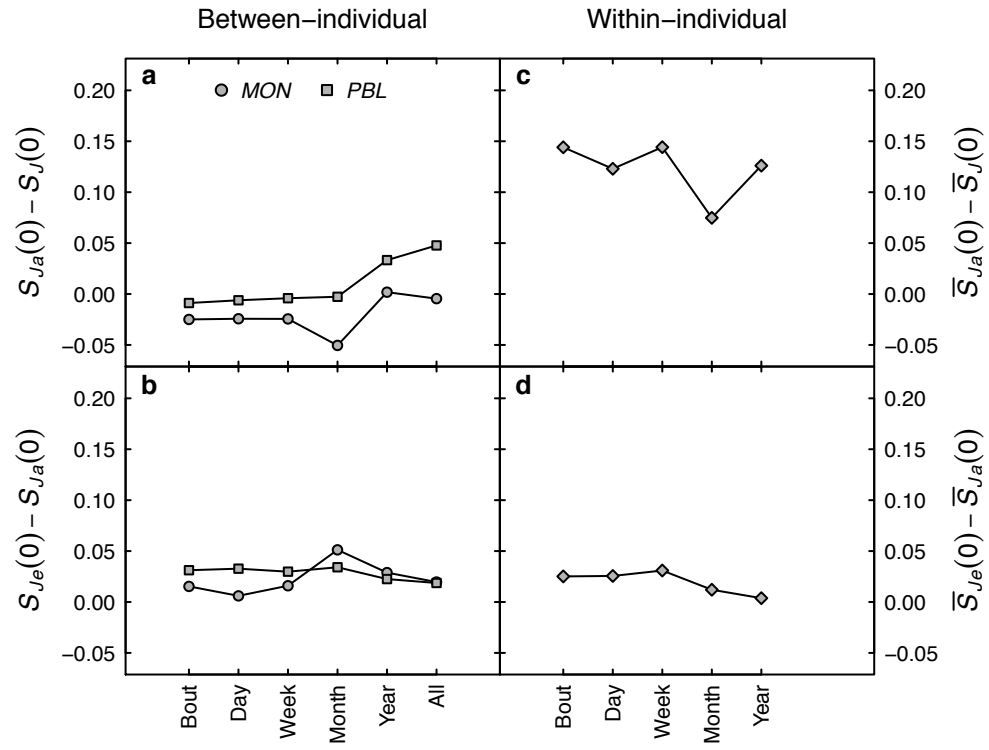


Figure S4.4. As in Figure 4 of main text, but with *prey grouped into functional categories*.

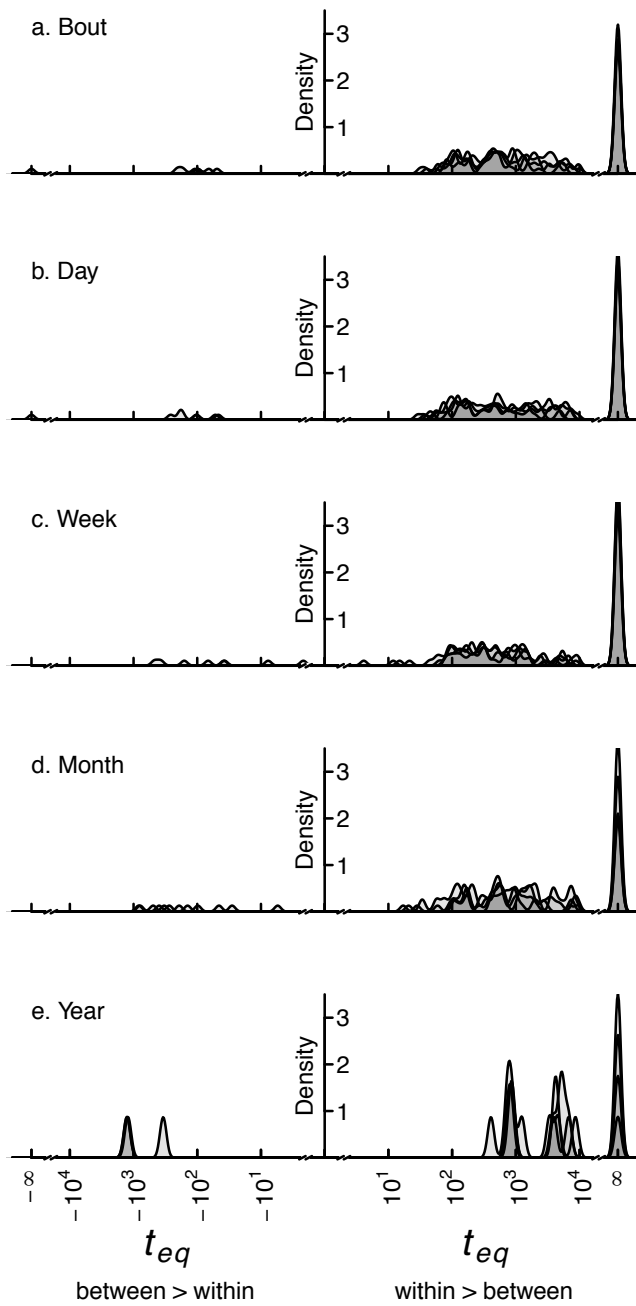


Figure S4.5. As in Figure S3.2, but with *prey grouped into functional categories*.

Table S4.3. As in Table S2.2 of main text, but with *prey grouped into functional categories*. Values reflect dAICc scores.

Time-scale	Model	Similarity Index			
		S_J	S_{Ja}	S_{Je}	S_{PS}
Bout	M1	210.6	659	501	699.4
	M2	124.6	215.8	154.2	173.2
	M3	133.1	49.8	35	76.8
	M4	0	0	0	0
Day	M1	246.8	620.6	942.2	684.7
	M2	166.1	211	625.3	139.9
	M3	184.9	34	504.8	96
	M4	0	0	0	0
Week	M1	142.4	234.8	91.8	260.3
	M2	102.6	170.1	50.1	0
	M3	47.7	0	97.8	240.8
	M4	0	138.3	0	199.8
Month	M1	268	864.9	53.6	149.3
	M2	224.8	792.4	0	29
	M3	174.9	870.9	52.9	0
	M4	0	0	5.8	14.3
Year	M1	9.2	5.3	0.6	7.9
	M2	0	0	0	0

Table S4.4. As in Table S2.4, but with *prey grouped into functional categories*. Values reflect dAICc scores.

Time-scale	Model set	Model set individuals	Model	Similarity Index				Best model individuals	
				S_J	S_{Ja}	S_{Je}	S_{PS}		
Bout	M1-M4	13	M1	302	367.5	331.7	346.1	-	
			M2	224.2	287.1	264.5	287.6	-	
			M3	0.2	0	0	0	45	
			M4	0	59.2	19.3	81.9	-	
	M1-M3	37	M1	624.8	970.7	900.3	905.3	-	
			M2	393	712.6	687	653.7	-	
			M3	0	0	0	0	45	
	M1-M2	63	M1	293.2	341.6	277.1	334.8	-	
			M2	0	0	0	0	63	
	M1	74	M1	-	-	-	-	-	
	Day	M1-M4	15	M1	265.8	361.7	331.8	358.2	-
				M2	240	298.6	302.3	303.2	-
M3				0	0	0	0	44	
M4				13.9	65.5	23.5	63.7	-	
M1-M3		35	M1	535.5	802	761.9	829.7	-	
			M2	449.7	625.6	643	573.7	-	
			M3	0	0	0	0	44	
M1-M2		62	M1	223.9	313	227.6	338.1	-	
			M2	0	0	0	0	63	
M1		73	M1	-	-	-	-	-	
Week		M1-M4	7	M1	68.7	174.8	177.6	182.1	-
				M2	52.6	141.9	146.8	123.3	-
	M3			0	0	0	0	32	

			M4	2.3	9.8	8.4	1.6	-
	M1-M3	25	M1	359	459.6	456.5	494.4	-
			M2	312	373.7	369	394.5	-
			M3	0	0	0	0	32
	M1-M2	60	M1	100.1	169.5	171.4	218.2	-
			M2	0	0	0	0	62
	M1	71	M1	-	-	-	-	-
Month	M1-M4	13	M1	167.6	129.2	115.6	142.3	-
			M2	146.3	106.5	107.2	107.9	-
			M3	37.3	2.4	2.8	0	-
			M4	0	0	0	5	18
	M1-M3	31	M1	307.3	318.3	296.3	377.5	-
			M2	224.8	273.5	261.1	287.8	-
			M3	0	0	0	0	36
	M1-M2	46	M1	96.3	74.4	61.4	136.2	-
			M2	0	0	0	0	48
	M1	58	M1	-	-	-	-	-
Year	M1-M2	7	M1	1.7	16.2	6.4	201.4	-
			M2	0	0	0	0	7
	M1	9	M1	-	-	-	-	-

Table S4.5. As in Table S2.3, but with *prey grouped into functional categories*. Values reflect Akaike weights based on the dAICc scores of Table S4.3.

Time-scale	Model	Similarity Index			
		S_J	S_{Ja}	S_{Je}	S_{PS}
Bout	M1	0	0	0	0
	M2	0	0	0	0
	M3	0	0	0	0
	M4	1	1	1	1
Day	M1	0	0	0	0
	M2	0	0	0	0
	M3	0	0	0	0
	M4	1	1	1	1
Week	M1	0	0	0	0
	M2	0	0	0	1
	M3	0	1	0	0
	M4	1	0	1	0
Month	M1	0	0	0	0
	M2	0	0	0.95	0
	M3	0	0	0	1
	M4	1	1	0.05	0
Year	M1	0.01	0.07	0.42	0.02
	M2	0.99	0.93	0.58	0.9

Table S4.6. As in Table S2.4, but with *prey grouped into functional categories*. Values reflect Akaike weights based on the dAICc scores of Table S4.4.

Time-scale	Model set	Model set individuals	Model	Similarity Index				Best model individuals	
				S_J	S_{Ja}	S_{Je}	S_{PS}		
Bout	M1-M4	13	M1	0	0	0	0	-	
			M2	0	0	0	0	-	
			M3	0.47	1	1	1	45	
			M4	0.53	0	0	0	-	
	M1-M3	37	M1	0	0	0	0	-	
			M2	0	0	0	0	-	
			M3	1	1	1	1	45	
	M1-M2	63	M1	0	0	0	0	-	
			M2	1	1	1	1	63	
	M1	74	M1	-	-	-	-	-	
	Day	M1-M4	15	M1	0	0	0	0	-
				M2	0	0	0	0	-
M3				1	1	1	1	44	
M4				0	0	0	0	-	
M1-M3		35	M1	0	0	0	0	-	
			M2	0	0	0	0	-	
			M3	1	1	1	1	44	
M1-M2		62	M1	0	0	0	0	-	
			M2	1	1	1	1	63	
M1		73	M1	-	-	-	-	-	
Week		M1-M4	7	M1	0	0	0	0	-
				M2	0	0	0	0	-
	M3			0.76	0.99	0.99	0.69	32	

			M4	0.24	0.01	0.01	0.31	-
	M1-M3	25	M1	0	0	0	0	-
			M2	0	0	0	0	-
			M3	1	1	1	1	32
	M1-M2	60	M1	0	0	0	0	-
			M2	1	1	1	1	62
	M1	71	M1	-	-	-	-	-
Month	M1-M4	13	M1	0	0	0	0	-
			M2	0	0	0	0	-
			M3	0	0.23	0.19	0.92	-
			M4	1	0.77	0.81	0.08	18
	M1-M3	31	M1	0	0	0	0	-
			M2	0	0	0	0	-
			M3	1	1	1	1	36
	M1-M2	46	M1	0	0	0	0	-
			M2	1	1	1	1	48
	M1	58	M1	-	-	-	-	-
Year	M1-M2	7	M1	0.42	0	0.04	0	-
			M2	1	1	1	1	7
	M1	9	M1	-	-	-	-	-

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