



Cover: Sea otter in Simpson Bay, Alaska. The photo shows the blunt carnassial teeth in which hard food items are placed during biting events. Timm-Davis et al. (pp. 4703-4710) demonstrate that durophagy in sea otters is a specialized raptorial biting feeding mode. Their extreme blunt skull and mandibles, along with increased mechanical advantages of the masseter and increased bite force, form a repertoire of functional traits for durophagy. The kinematic data indicate innovations for the production of large bite forces at extreme wide gapes and gape angles. This image was taken under USFW permit number MA078744-4. Photo credit: Alice Cove Research.

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