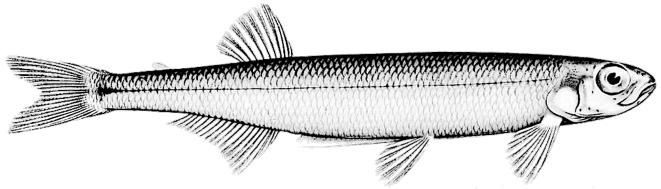
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Order OSMERIFORMES

New Zealand Smelts

Family **RETROPINNIDAE**

Gill 1862



Retropinna tasmanica, holotype. From: McCulloch, A. R. 1920. Studies in Australian Fishes No. 6. With a description of a new Girellops from the Kermadec Islands. Records of the Australian Museum 13: 41–71, Pls. 10–14.

Southern Smelts Subfamily RETROPINNINAE Gill 1862

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named for Argentina retropinna Richardson 1848, retro (L.), back; pinna (L.), fin (Gill attempted to avoid tautonomy by unnecessarily renaming type species R. richardsonii)

Retropinna retropinna (Richardson 1848) retro- (L.), back; pinna (L.), fin, referring to posterior insertion of dorsal fin, above anus

Retropinna semoni (Weber 1895) in honor of German zoologist and evolutionary biologist Richard Semon (1859–1918), who collected holotype

Retropinna tasmanica McCulloch 1920 -ica (L.), belonging to Tasmania, where it occurs in fresh, brackish and marine waters

Retropinna victoriae Stokell 1941 of Victoria, Australia, type locality

StokelliaWhitley 1955

-ia (L. suffix), belonging to: amateur ichthyologist Gerald Stokell (1890–1972), who collected and studied New Zealand's freshwater fishes for over 40 years, and described S. anisodon in 1941

Stokellia anisodon (Stokell 1941) ánisos (Gr. ἄνισος), unequal; odon, Latinized and grammatically adjusted from the Greek nominative \dot{o} δούς (odoús), tooth, referring to teeth on upper jaw restricted to anterior parts of mouth



Stokellia anisodon. From: Stokell, G. 1941. A revision of the genus Retropinna. Records of the Canterbury Museum 4 (7): 361–372, Pls. 55–57.

Southern Graylings Subfamily PROTOTROCTINAE Hubbs 1952

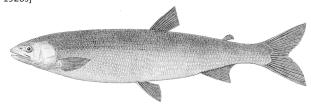
Prototroctes

Günther 1864

prốtos (Gr. πρῶτος), first or earliest form of; troctes, presumably from tructa (L.), a kind of trout, "in allusion to its Salmonoid affinities," per Günther (1870)¹

Prototroctes maraena Günther 1864 Latinization of *Maräne*, German word for whitefish, having the "general habit" of a *Coregonus*

Prototroctes oxyrhynchus Günther 1870 sharp-snouted, from *oxýs* (Gr. \dot{o} ξ \dot{o} ς), sharp, and *rhýnchos* (Gr. \dot{p} ύγχος), snout, referring to its pointed snout [extinct due to some combination of pollution, overfishing and the introduction of nonindigenous trouts; last verified record in the 1920s]



First-published image of *Prototroctes oxyrhynchus*, as *Retropinna upokororo*, a junior synonym. Illustration by John. Buchanan. From: Hector, J. 1871. On the Salmonidae of New Zealand. Transactions and Proceedings of the New Zealand Institute 3: 133–136, Pls. 18 (fig. 4), 19.

¹ Günther, A. 1870. Notes on *Prototroctes*, a fish from fresh waters of the Australian region. Proceedings of the Zoological Society of London 1870 (1): 150–152.