

Eagle Lake Fishing Information and Network

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Live Release of Tui Chub and other species requested.

The Tui chub are one of the most important non-game fish species to the survival of the trout and ecology of the lake. These fish have a life span of up to 32 years. They don't really get much over 3 pounds but their annual spawn in the warm waters of the north and west basins in late summer sustain the trout through the cold harsh winters when the lake ices over.

We didn't know the importance of this species in the 1940's when my family began fishing the lake. We just considered them to be trash fish, killed them and fed them to the seagulls and pelicans. Now through many years of study it is recognized as a **species of great importance**. It is requested that these fish as well as the suckers be carefully released in a live condition if caught.

Attention Anglers

**Do you want to catch a trophy Eagle Lake Trout ?
Then please DON'T throw the tui chubs out!**



Eagle Lake Tui Chub, *Siphateles bicolor*

Tui Chubs are **not** "trash fish", and are an **important** part of the aquatic ecology of Eagle Lake. Eagle Lake tui chubs are the **single most important food source** for the larger Eagle Lake trout.

In Eagle Lake, tui chubs can reach a length of 18 inches, and live to be 32 years old. They spawn in shallow areas of the lake in late spring near the tule beds. The young tui chubs are the "minnows" typically seen in large schools around the margins of the lake.

Please **carefully release** any tui chubs caught so that they may continue to provide food for future trophy sized Eagle lake trout.

Thank you for your cooperation.

