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Abstract:

The combustion of fossil fuels is increasing atmospheric CO₂ concentrations and, in turn, acidifying and warming world oceans. A further consequence of warming oceans may be declines in the abundance of plankton. Some of these changes can already be observed in coastal oceans and may affect marine biota including forage fish which play a key role in marine food webs as key consumers of primary production and prey of fishery species. While these climate change stressors have previously been shown to negatively affect the performance of larval fish, the interactive effects of these multiple stressors on fish have yet to be explored. This thesis presents a series of experiments that examined the effects of changing temperature, *p*CO₂, and food levels

on the growth and survival of early life (embryo and larval) stages of two species of forage fish indigenous to the Northwest Atlantic Ocean, *Menidia beryllina* and *Cyprinodon variegatus*. These two fish species are a useful comparison as they lay pelagic and demersal eggs, respectively, and have been previously shown to be vulnerable and resistant to ocean acidification, respectively. Temperature had the strongest effect on the hatching rate, hatching success, survival, and growth of both fish species with higher temperatures yielding more rapid hatching and higher and lower temperatures leading to reduced growth and survival. In contrast, $p\text{CO}_2$ and food levels had no effects on hatching, but elevated $p\text{CO}_2$ and reduced food supplies significantly reduced the survival of larval *M. beryllina*. There were synergistically negative effects of elevated temperature and elevated $p\text{CO}_2$ as well as low food supply and elevated $p\text{CO}_2$ on larval fish. For example, larvae that were resistant to high $p\text{CO}_2$ experienced elevated mortality when high $p\text{CO}_2$ was experienced outside their thermal optimum. In other cases, elevated $p\text{CO}_2$ resulted in smaller larvae at high, but not optimal, temperatures. Furthermore, larvae that were fed *ad libitum* were resistant to high $p\text{CO}_2$ but experienced elevated mortality when exposed to high $p\text{CO}_2$ and given a restricted diet. Such interactions evidence the importance of simultaneously considering effects of multiple stressors on larval fish rather than their individual effects as these outcomes could not have been predicted by observing each stressor individually and these stressors co-occur in estuaries. Collectively, this thesis demonstrates that the effects of multiple climate change stressors may interact to synergistically suppress the productivity of fisheries shallow coastal ecosystems. It is anticipated these effects will intensify through this century due to the intensification of climate change.

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Introduction:

Climate change is altering multiple aspects of world oceans (Poloczanska et al. 2013). Since the beginning of the industrial revolution atmospheric carbon dioxide levels have progressively risen from ~280 parts per million (ppm) to 410 ppm in May of 2016 (<http://scrippsCO2.ucsd.edu/>). Concurrently, global temperatures have risen 1°C during the past century and are expected to rise up to 5°C this century (I.P.C.C. 2014). The world oceans are the only significant net sink for atmospheric CO₂ on the planet having absorbed about one third of all anthropogenic CO₂ produced to date (Sabine et al. 2004). As CO₂ enters the ocean it reacts with water to form carbonic acid (H₂CO₃), which quickly disassociates into bicarbonate (HCO₃⁻) releasing a hydrogen ion (H⁺) that reduces ocean pH and subsequently sequesters carbonate ions, a process commonly known as ocean acidification (Sabine et al. 2004). Since the Industrial Revolution, ocean pH has decreased 0.1 units and it is expected that pH will decrease by another 0.3 - 0.4 units by the year 2100 (Orr et al. 2005) simultaneously causing a 150% decrease in carbonate ion availability.

In addition to future acidification of global oceans caused by the accumulation of anthropogenic CO₂, some coastal systems can experience seasonal and local acidification caused by high levels of microbial respiration (Cai et al. 2011). For example, many estuaries experience extreme acidification (pH<7.2) and high levels of pCO₂ (>2,000 μatm) during summer months (Melzner et al. 2012, Baumann et al. 2014, Wallace et al. 2014). This acidification coincides with the spawning periods of many fish, bivalves, and crustaceans in temperate ecosystems (Kennedy and Krantz 1982, Sherman et al. 1984, Helluy and Beltz 1991) and thus could have negative implications for fisheries whose early life stages are sensitive to acidification (Baumann et al. 2012, Murray et al. 2014).

Declines in carbonate concentrations associated with acidification have been shown to have negative consequences for organisms that synthesize CaCO_3 shells or exoskeletons (Doney et al. 2009, Kroeker et al. 2010, Kroeker et al. 2013). For example, acidification negatively affects the growth and survival of the bivalve larvae as well as their ability to form a shell (Talmage and Gobler 2010, Gazeau et al. 2013, Waldbusser et al. 2013). Even organisms with shells only partially comprised of calcium carbonate such as larval crabs can experience reduced survival when exposed to acidification during development (Walther et al. 2010, Long et al. 2013).

While a large number of studies have demonstrated the negative effects of acidification on externally calcifying organisms, careful study of acidification effects on internally calcifying organisms such as marine fish has been comparatively less common. Multiple studies have demonstrated that the ability of some fish to sense predators, locate suitable habitat, and exhibit normally predictable lateralization can all be altered by acidification (Pimentel et al. 2016, Silva et al. 2016) due to interference within the acid-base regulation of GABA-A neural receptors (Munday et al. 2009, Nilsson et al. 2012). It has been suggested that the earliest stages of life for fish, eggs thru larvae, are the most sensitive to ocean acidification (Luckenbach et al. 2001, Ishimatsu et al. 2008, Baumann et al. 2012). Some studies have shown that fish eggs and larvae exposed to low pH suffer declining growth and survival (Baumann et al. 2012, Miller et al. 2012, Chambers et al. 2014, Murray et al. 2014, DePasquale et al. 2015). Others have shown that larvae grown under low pH develop deformed internal organs and improper physiological structure, impairing their ability to swim and function (Frommel et al. 2011, Pimentel et al. 2014). When combined with other stressors such as hypoxia and thermal stress, acidification can both additively and synergistically reduce the survival rate of larvae fish (DePasquale et al. 2015).

Temperature has profound effects on fish populations (Munch and Conover 2002, Munch and Conover 2003, Bian et al. 2015). Many fish populations are shifting poleward or into deeper waters to maintain their preferred thermal niche as water temperatures rise, changes that can influence the productivity of regional fisheries (Perry et al. 2005, Nye et al. 2009, Pinsky et al. 2013). Temperature can have particularly strong effects on fish embryos by controlling the hatching rates with warmer temperatures typically facilitating more rapid hatch times (Gillooly et al. 2002, Martell et al. 2005). For some species of fish, eggs that are exposed to warmer waters develop faster thus shortening the distance traveled within the currents prior to hatching decreasing egg mobility and recruitment in historically suitable areas. Furthermore, eggs incubated at temperatures warmer or colder than optimal for a given fish species can lead to decreased hatch rates and yolks that are less nutritious for larvae (Bobe and Labbe 2010). Incubation of fish eggs at sub-optimal temperatures can also result in larvae hatching before embryonic development is complete, enhancing to the mortality of newly hatched larvae (Kucharczyk et al. 1997).

Food supplies for fish can be altered by climate change processes and climate change-induced reductions in food availability can make marine organisms more vulnerable to climate change stressors (Melzner et al. 2011, Pansch et al. 2014, Ramajo et al. 2016). Warming of world oceans during the past century has enhanced water column stratification and, in turn, led to reduced primary productivity and lowered planktonic food availability (Roemmich and McGowan 1995, Behrenfeld et al. 2006, Boyce et al. 2010). Warming has also been shown to alter food availability within specific ecosystems; for example, in the North Sea warmer waters have both increased the metabolism of cod while causing reductions in the size of their primary food source (Beaugrand et al. 2003). Ocean warming has also been shown contribute toward lowered food availability for most post larval zooplanktivores (Roemmich and McGowan 1995, Doney et al. 2009, Piontkovski

and Castellani 2009) including forage fish. Additionally, changes in seawater chemistry or temperature can result in match-mismatch scenarios that separate predators and prey over time during important feeding periods (Durant et al. 2007, Parry et al. 2007, Siddon et al. 2013). Prior research has demonstrated that the susceptibility of marine invertebrates to acidification can be dependent on their food supply (Melzner et al. 2011, Pansch et al. 2014, Ramajo et al. 2016) likely due to smaller energy reserves being available to overcome the stress of acidification during food restriction (Pörtner and Farrell 2008). While similar effects might be expected for fish experiencing acidification, this has not been studied to date.

Forage fish are small pelagic fish that feed at or near the base of marine food webs and are often preyed upon by larger, commercially important fisheries species making them an important component of marine ecosystems. It has been estimated that forage fish contribute 16.9 billion dollars (USD) to the global fisheries economy (Pikitch et al. 2014). Forage fish are one of the few direct links between primary producers and upper trophic level fish (Conover et al. 2005) making their influence on fisheries productivity profound. Forage fish in the U.S. are generally found in coastal ecosystems (Johnson 1974) that can be highly vulnerable to both rapid warming (Nixon et al. 2004, Baumann and Doherty 2013) and acidification (Nixon et al. 2004, Baumann and Doherty 2013, Baumann et al. 2014, Wallace et al. 2014) suggesting that forage fish are likely to experience these stressors simultaneously. A recent study has shown the synergistic effect of temperature and acidification on predation in reef fish combined with antagonistic effects on predatory selectivity (Ferrari et al. 2015) emphasizing the importance of species-specific studies of combined stressors. Further, like other fish (Nye et al. 2009), some forage fish may be shifting their habitat pole-ward, a change that in some cases may expose these fish to differing levels of temperature and/or pH as well as changes in the timing of local production.

The objective for this thesis was to assess the individual and combined effects of varying levels of $p\text{CO}_2$, temperatures, and food supply on egg incubation time, hatch rate, survival, and growth of larval forage fish including *Menidia beryllina* (inland silverside) and *Cyprinodon variegatus* (sheepshead minnow). These two fish species are a useful comparison as they lay pelagic and demersal eggs, respectively (Able, 1994), and have been previously shown to be vulnerable and resistant to ocean acidification alone, respectively (DePasquale et al., 2015). Through manipulation of $p\text{CO}_2$, temperature, and food quantity this thesis demonstrates that changing these climate change-related environmental conditions can cause physiological stress, thermal stress, and additive physiological impairments that can reduce hatch rates, depress growth rates, and an increase in the mortality of larval fish.

Methods:

Experiments were performed at the Stony Brook Southampton Marine Science Center. Fish were reared in 8-liter white plastic buckets filled with $0.2\ \mu\text{m}$ -filtered, UV sterilized seawater from eastern Shinnecock Bay, conditions that have previously yielded maximal rates of survival of *M. beryllina* and *C. variegatus* (Baumann et al. 2012, DePasquale et al. 2015). These forage fish contrast in their biogeography, reproductive strategies, and preferred estuarine habitats. *M. beryllina*'s geographic range spans from Northern Florida to the Gulf of St. Lawrence (Conover et al. 2005) whereas *C. variegatus* have been found in waters from Venezuela to Maine as well as the West Indies (Bennett 1997). Spawning occurs for both species in salt marshes and estuaries with *M. beryllina* depositing eggs on algae and grasses, while *C. variegatus* deposits its eggs on the sea floor. *M. beryllina* live slightly beyond one year; maturing during their first summer, overwintering off shore, and returning in the spring to spawn over the course of one month in the

spring. Spawning is timed around the optimal temperature (24°C) for both the growth of larvae and their food (Lambert 1984). *C. variegatus* can live up to three years entirely in estuaries, burying themselves in the muds during winter (Bennett 1997) and spawning almost continuously; potentially to take advantage of environmental variability a lack of food for larger cohorts and to protect larvae from predation (Lambert 1984).

Experiments were conducted with four replicates per treatment and two levels of CO₂ (Ambient: ~400 μatm and elevated: ~2000 μatm). Two or four temperatures were examined to contrast the optimal temperature for each species (EPA 1978) with temperatures cooler and/or warmer than optimal (Doney et al. 2009, Feely et al. 2010, Gruber et al. 2012). Experimental vessels were maintained in water baths using electronically controlled heat exchangers (Aquatic Eco-systems, Inc., Florida, USA) to maintain individual target temperatures. Temperatures were continuously monitored with *in situ* data loggers (Onset©) and remained within <1°C of target values. Gas proportionators (Cole Parmer flowmeter system) were used to deliver CO₂ gas and ambient air to the experimental buckets at rates that provided desired experimental pCO₂ levels. The control (~400 μatm pCO₂) treatment was attained via bubbling with ambient air whereas the elevated pCO₂ (~2,000 μatm pCO₂) treatment was achieved by bubbling water with a mixture of 5% CO₂ and ambient air (Talmage 2009, Talmage and Gobler 2010, 2011). Each bucket was bubbled via an aquaculture glass-bonded silica air stone attached to a plastic (Tygon) hose that supplied one of the two gas mixtures. All buckets, hoses, and stones were soaked in 10% HCl and liberally rinsed with deionized water prior to use discourage microbial contamination. All experiments were allowed to bubble for one day prior to adding fish eggs in order to achieve stable experimental chemistry (described below).

Once experimental temperature and $p\text{CO}_2$ levels were stable, 80 eggs \leq 36 h post fertilization (described below) were added to each experimental vessel. *Menidia beryllina* and *Cyprinodon variegatus* eggs were obtained 24 h post-fertilization from broodstock of hundreds of wild fish of each species (Aquatic Research Organisms, Hampton, New Hampshire (Baumann et al. 2012, DePasquale et al. 2015)). During the course of experiments, the number of eggs and/or larvae present per experimental vessel was recorded daily along with levels of pH and temperature. For the first five days following hatching, fish larvae were fed a diet of the rotifer, *Brachionus plicatilis* grown on a diet of the alga, *Isochrysis galbana*, at a rate of 400 rotifers individual⁻¹ d⁻¹, an amount considered *ad libitum* for fish larvae (EPA 1978). For the remainder of the experiment, fish were fed freshly hatched (<18 hours) *Artemia salina* (San Francisco strain) at a rate of 100 *Artemia* individual⁻¹ d⁻¹, again an amount considered *ad libitum* (EPA 1978). A second round of experiments were performed in which the food supply to some of the hatched fish was 20% of optimal levels (EPA 1978). A 50% water change was performed every other day once feeding of the larvae began. Experiments were conducted for at least 10 days post hatch to capture the most vulnerable early life period for larval fish (Murray et al. 2014). A sub-sample of larvae was collected at the conclusion of each experiment and preserved in 10% buffered formalin for length measurements made via digital imaging, a dissecting microscope, and ImageJ software. After 48 h, formalin-preserved fish were transferred to 10% ethanol to minimize degradation of tissues.

Levels of pH in experimental vessels were measured daily with a Honeywell Durafet Ion Sensitive Field Effect Transistor (ISFET)-based pH sensor calibrated with a seawater pH standard (Dickson 1993). Discrete samples were spectrophotometrically analyzed for pH utilizing the dye, m-cresol purple (Dickson 2007) and results were consistent with sensor-based measurements. Concentrations of total dissolved inorganic carbon (DIC) in experimental treatments were

quantified both before and after experiments using an infrared-based Environmental Gas Analyzer (EGM-4, PP Systems) calibrated with sodium bicarbonate standards and quality controlled via the analysis of certified reference material for DIC (University of California San Diego, Scripps Institution of Oceanography certified reference material for DIC, Batches 132-147) which provided $105 \pm 5\%$ recoveries. Levels of $p\text{CO}_2$ were calculated based on measured levels of DIC, pH ($\text{mol kg seawater}^{-1}$), temperature, salinity, phosphate, silicate, and known first and second dissociation constants of carbonic acid in seawater (Millero 2010) using the program CO2SYS.

Two-way Analysis of Variances (ANOVA) were employed when temperature and $p\text{CO}_2$ or $p\text{CO}_2$ and food supply were the main treatment effects. A three-way ANOVA was used when temperature, food supply, and $p\text{CO}_2$ were the main treatment effects. Differences among levels within a treatment were assessed using the post-hoc Holm-Sidak multiple comparison test. Variables assessed via ANOVAs included hatch time (the time for all eggs in an experimental vessel to hatch), percent hatch (the percentage of embryos that hatched in an experimental vessel), percent survival (percentage eggs in an experimental vessel surviving to ~10-day post hatch), and larval length in mm. A p -value of 0.05 was used to assess statistical differences among treatments during experiments. Statistical analyses were performed using SigmaPlot™ 11.0.

Results:

Temperature and CO_2 effects on *Menidia beryllina*

Lower temperatures significantly extended the hatching time of *M. beryllina* eggs ($p < 0.001$, ANOVA, Figure 2A, Table 2) by five days in the cooler treatment ($19 \pm 0.53^\circ\text{C}$) compared to the warmer treatment ($29 \pm 0.29^\circ\text{C}$). The hatching success in the colder treatment was $80 \pm 12\%$, significantly lower than the warmer treatment ($96 \pm 3.1\%$; $p < 0.005$, Two-Way

ANOVA; Figure 2B, Table 3). At ~10 days post-hatch, elevated levels of $p\text{CO}_2$ significantly reduced larval survival in the higher temperature treatment (29°C) to $6.0 \pm 2.0\%$ compared to $35 \pm 7.9\%$ in the ambient treatment ($p < 0.01$, Two-Way ANOVA; Figure 2C, Table 4). The fish in the colder treatment were significantly shorter (4.3 ± 0.14 mm) compared to larvae the warmer treatment (5.9 ± 0.68 mm; $p = < 0.001$, Two-way ANOVA, Figure 2D, Table 5). Levels of CO_2 also significantly affected length within the 29°C treatment, with fish exposed to elevated $p\text{CO}_2$ being $15 \pm 0.1\%$ smaller than in the ambient CO_2 treatment ($p < 0.001$, Holm-Sidak, Figure 2). There was, however, a significant interaction between temperature and $p\text{CO}_2$ level as the effect of CO_2 on lengths was not present at the preferred optimal temperature of 19°C ($p < 0.001$, Holm-Sidak).

In a subsequent experiment with *M. beryllina*, an expanded temperature range ($20 \pm 0.15^\circ\text{C}$, $23 \pm 0.28^\circ\text{C}$, $27 \pm 0.3^\circ\text{C}$, and $30 \pm 0.6^\circ\text{C}$) was considered in tandem with normal and elevated levels of $p\text{CO}_2$ (~ 400 and ~ 2000 μatm). Temperature significantly altered the duration of time required for fish to hatch (Two-way ANOVA, Figure 4A, Table 7). Larvae in the coldest 20°C treatment took significantly longer to hatch (11.0 ± 0.0 days) compared to fish embryos incubated at 23°C (8.4 ± 1.2 days), 27°C (6.1 ± 0.4 days) and 30°C (7.3 ± 0.65 days; $p < 0.001$ all, Holm-Sidak, Figure 4). Temperature had a significant effect on hatch success with the percent of embryos hatching at 20°C ($61 \pm 5.6\%$) being significantly lower than at 27°C ($94 \pm 0.9\%$; $p < 0.001$), the percent hatching at 23°C ($67\% \pm 1.0$) being significantly lower than at 27°C ($p < 0.01$), and the percent hatching at 20°C being significantly lower than at 30° ($85\% \pm 4.3$; $p < 0.01$, Holm-Sidak, Figure 4B, Table 8). Temperature significantly altered the 10 day post-hatch survival of larvae ($p = 0.001$, Two-way ANOVA, Figure 4C, Table 9). Survival at 27°C was $80 \pm 11\%$, significantly higher than survival at 20°C and the 23°C treatments ($60 \pm 8.6\%$ and $71 \pm 6.0\%$ respectively; $p < 0.001$, $p < 0.01$ respectively, Holm-Sidak, Figure 4C). There was a significant

interaction between temperature and $p\text{CO}_2$ level regarding larval survival as elevated levels of $p\text{CO}_2$ significantly depressed larval survival only within the 20°C and the 27°C treatments with elevated $p\text{CO}_2$ treatments showing $54 \pm 6.0\%$ and $60 \pm 18\%$ survival, respectively, compared to $67 \pm 4.1\%$ and $87 \pm 11\%$ survival at 400 $\mu\text{atm } p\text{CO}_2$ ($p < 0.05$ and $p < 0.001$ respectively; Holm-Sidak, Figure 4C, Table 11). Temperature significantly altered fish lengths ($p < 0.001$, Two-way ANOVA, Figure 4D, Table 10) with individuals in the 20°C treatment being $16 \pm 0.07\%$ smaller than those at 23°C, $21 \pm 0.05\%$ smaller than those at 27°C, and $18 \pm 0.08\%$ smaller than those at 30°C ($p < 0.001$, Holm-Sidak, Figure 4D). The fish reared at 23°C were also $6 \pm 0.07\%$ smaller than fish at 27°C ($p < 0.01$, Holm-Sidak, Figure 4D).

Diet and CO_2 effects on *Menidia beryllina*

Diet and $p\text{CO}_2$ levels did not alter embryo hatch time nor hatch success. Larval survival at 10 days post-hatch under optimal conditions (low $p\text{CO}_2$, *ad libitum* feeding) was $84 \pm 5\%$ but was significantly reduced in the elevated $p\text{CO}_2$, *ad libitum* fed larvae to $14 \pm 13\%$ and further reduced to $4 \pm 5\%$ in the elevated $p\text{CO}_2$, food limited treatment ($p < 0.001$ all, Holm-Sidak, Figure 6C). While feeding rate was not a significant treatment effect for survival, there was a significant synergistic interaction between food level and $p\text{CO}_2$ as the percent survival in the combined treatment was significantly lower than would have been predicted by either individual variable ($p < 0.05$, Two-way ANOVA, Figure 6C, Table 15). Levels of $p\text{CO}_2$ and diet both had a significant effect on fish length ($p < 0.001$, Two-way ANOVA, Figure 6D, Table 16). Control fish (*ad libitum* food, control $p\text{CO}_2$ levels) were $11 \pm 0.5\%$ larger than the elevated $p\text{CO}_2$ treatment and were $14 \pm 0.6\%$ larger than the starved fish ($p < 0.01$, Holm-Sidak, Figure 6D). There was also a significant interaction between $p\text{CO}_2$ and diet regarding fish lengths whereby the lengths in the combined

treatment were longer than would be predicted by the individual treatments ($p < 0.05$, Two-Way ANOVA, Figure 6D, Table 16).

Temperature, food, and CO₂ effects on *Menidia beryllina*

Higher temperatures significantly shortened incubation time with the 22°C averaging 9.6 ± 0.8 days to hatch compared to 6.3 ± 1.2 days at 30°C ($p < 0.001$, Three-way ANOVA, Figure 8A, Table 18). Survival 10 days post-hatch was significantly lower ($7.4 \pm 14\%$) under the low food treatment relative to *ad libitum* feeding $52 \pm 17\%$ ($p < 0.001$, Three-way ANOVA, Figure 8C, Table 20) and was significantly lower at higher temperatures ($23 \pm 7.9\%$) compared to lower temperatures $37 \pm 15\%$; ($p < 0.05$, Holm-Sidak, Figure 8C). Levels of $p\text{CO}_2$ were also a significant treatment effect as elevated CO₂ significantly reduced their survival to $44 \pm 3\%$ from $59 \pm 5\%$ in the control ($p < 0.001$, Holm-Sidak, Figure 8C). The length of fish at the end of the experiment was significantly affected by food supply with larvae fed a limited diet being $25 \pm 0.4\%$ shorter than the fed *ad libitum* larvae ($p < 0.001$, Three-way ANOVA, Figure 8D, Table 21). Temperature, food and CO₂ did not significantly alter hatch success in this experiment.

Temperature, food, and CO₂ effects on *Cyprinodon variegatus*

Temperature significantly affected hatch rate of *C. variegatus* ($p < 0.001$, Two-way ANOVA) with fish in the warmest treatment (30°C) hatching in 5.8 ± 0.9 days, fish at 23°C hatching in 12 ± 4.1 days, and fish at 16°C hatching in 34 ± 5.9 days. ($p < 0.001$, Holm-Sidak, Figure 10A, Table 23). Hatch success was affected by temperature ($p < 0.001$, Two-way ANOVA) with more fish hatching at 30°C ($87 \pm 7.3\%$) than at 16°C and 23°C ($59 \pm 3.5\%$ and $77 \pm 7.5\%$, respectively; $p < 0.001$, Holm-Sidak, Figure 10B, Table 24). Larval survival 10 days post-hatch

was significantly affected by temperature ($p < 0.001$, Two-Way ANOVA, Figure 10C, Table 25). Fish grown at 16°C had the highest survival rates ($94 \pm 0.2\%$) while survival for fish at 23°C was $87 \pm 0.1\%$, and fish at 30°C had only $38 \pm 0.1\%$ survival ($p < 0.01$ and $p < 0.001$, respectively, Holm-Sidak method, Figure 10C). There was a significant interaction between temperature and $p\text{CO}_2$ for fish survival as elevated levels of $p\text{CO}_2$ depressed the survival of larval *C. variegatus* at the highest and lowest temperatures only ($p < 0.05$, Two-Way ANOVA, Figure 10C, Table 25). Temperature had a significant effect on fish length ($p < 0.05$, Two-way ANOVA, Figure 10D, Table 26) with fish grown at 16°C being $4 \pm 0.2\%$ larger than fish in the 23°C treatment ($p = 0.01$, Holm-Sidak, Figure 10D). Food was also significant within the 23°C treatments as the *ad libitum* group was $9 \pm 0.4\%$ larger than the food limited group and the *ad libitum* fish in the elevated $p\text{CO}_2$ treatment were $12 \pm 0.1\%$ larger than the starved elevated $p\text{CO}_2$ fish ($p < 0.05$ and $p < 0.001$, respectively, Holm-Sidak, Figure 10D).

Discussion:

Temperate estuaries represent important breeding and nursery grounds for forage fish (Pikitch et al. 2014) but are prone to elevated levels of $p\text{CO}_2$, temperature, and large fluctuations in plankton levels during fish spawning seasons (Nixon et al. 2004, Cai et al. 2011, Wallace et al. 2014). Climate change is expected to intensify extremes in warming and acidification in the near future (Doney et al., 2012). This study has demonstrated that changing temperatures, elevated levels of $p\text{CO}_2$, and reduced food supplies can act and interact to significantly reduce the survival of forage fish. These findings provide new insight regarding the understanding of how multiple stressors associated with climate change can effect fisheries.

Temperature plays a central role in the development of embryonic and larval fish (Houde 1989, Pepin 1991). Forage fish lack the ability to regulate their internal body temperature and are generally found inhabiting waters at or near the limits of their thermal niche (Sunday et al. 2012) a common trend among marine organisms. Temperature can increase or decrease enzymatic functions in organisms and thus alter nutritional requirements (Sherman et al. 1984, Kucharczyk et al. 1997, Bobe and Labbe 2010). During experiments, higher temperatures accelerated hatching time and improved hatch success of embryos, outcomes that would be beneficial on a population level for these species (Lasker 1981, Sissenwine 1984). However, these benefits were short lived as larval survival at 10 days post-hatch at elevated temperatures were the same as survival at optimal temperatures for *M. beryllina* and was significantly lower for *C. variegatus*, perhaps due to temperature-induced, accelerated larval hatching occurring before embryonic development was complete (Kucharczyk et al. 1997). The rapid shift in outcomes for fish at elevated temperatures from positive for embryos to neutral or negative at the larval stage suggests high temperatures that accelerate development results in unsustainable rate of metabolism for larvae. This further suggests that outcomes for larval fish at higher temperatures could worsen at time horizons exceeding 10-days.

As ocean waters warm, the fish are migrating deeper or towards to higher latitudes (Nye et al. 2009) and in some cases could migrate to a new, cooler habitat outside of their optimal thermal range (Sunday et al. 2012). During experiments, fish developing at the coolest temperatures had decreased survival for both species and for *M. beryllina*, the fish larvae were also smaller likely due to a slower metabolism and a reduced ability to convert energy into growth (Kucharczyk et al. 1997). In contrast to *M. beryllina*, *C. variegatus* seemed to thrive in cooler temperatures with survival and length being maximal at 16°C despite an extended incubation time for eggs. This

outcome could be related to life history traits as these fish deposit eggs on the seabed (Able and Fahay 1998) where temperatures are often cooler and thus perhaps making them better adapted to lower temperatures.

Rising ocean temperatures are increasing ocean stratification, decreasing the availability of nutrients in surface oceans and in some cases, fostering plankton communities that are less abundant (Roemmich and McGowan 1995, Behrenfeld et al. 2006, Boyce et al. 2010). Such reduced plankton inventories have been shown to make some bivalves more vulnerable to ocean acidification (Melzner et al. 2011, Pansch et al. 2014, Ramajo et al. 2016). During this study, restricted food supplies increased mortality rates and resulted in smaller *M. beryllina* larvae. There were also complex interactions between food supply and $p\text{CO}_2$ levels for larval *M. beryllina*. In a manner somewhat consistent with prior studies of bivalves, there was a synergistic interaction between food supply and $p\text{CO}_2$ level for larval fish. Specifically, *M. beryllina* survival was depressed by restricted food when $p\text{CO}_2$ levels were elevated, but not when they were normal, suggesting that larval fish vulnerability to a restricted diet was enhanced by the additional stress of acidification. Physiologically, this is intuitive, as the stress of acidification likely enhanced the energy requirements of the larvae and makes them less tolerant of a restricted diet. In contrast to the patterns in fish survival that were synergistically suppressed by low food and high $p\text{CO}_2$, fish lengths that were depressed by food restriction or $p\text{CO}_2$ were not further depressed by both stressors perhaps due to the newly hatched fish already being at their minimal size possible for these larvae.

Larval stage fish in general (Miller et al. 2012, Chambers et al. 2014) and *M. beryllina* in particular have been shown to be sensitive to acidification (Baumann et al. 2012, DePasquale et al. 2015). During this study, increased $p\text{CO}_2$ reduced the numbers of *M. beryllina* larvae surviving

to 10 days in every experiment performed ($n = 4$). This 10 day mark is important in the life cycle of fish larvae as it represents the point at which larvae have transitioned from reliance on yolk and are able to utilize their internal systems to mitigate the effects of external environmental stress (Mangor-Jensen 1987, Perry and Gilmour 2006, Ishimatsu et al. 2008, Baumann et al. 2012). *M. beryllina* also exhibited shorter lengths when exposed to increased $p\text{CO}_2$ levels, a consequence that could lead to enhanced mortality within an ecosystem setting (Sogard 1997). Beyond the effects measured here, predator avoidance and detection of sensory cues may also be impacted by high CO_2 and could further decrease a species' ability to survive and reproduce successfully (Munday et al. 2009, Nilsson et al. 2012).

In contrast to *M. beryllina*, elevated $p\text{CO}_2$ alone had no effect on *C. variegatus*, a finding consistent with a prior study of this species (DePasquale et al. 2015) and perhaps with its preferred habitat as this species lays eggs on the seabed (Chitty and Able 2004), which can regularly exhibit elevated $p\text{CO}_2$ levels in estuaries (Wallace et al. 2014). Importantly, however, larval *C. variegatus* became vulnerable at high $p\text{CO}_2$ when it occurred in tandem with temperatures above or below its thermal optimum (16°C or 30°C), conditions that yielded significantly higher mortality for this species. This outcome facilitated by multiple stressors demonstrates a key mechanism by which fisheries may be impacted by climate change. Embryos and larval fish exposed to temperatures outside of their thermal optimum may expend more energy maintaining their general metabolism and thus may be less capable of resisting additional stressors such as acidification (Pörtner and Farrell 2008). Similarly, acidification can cause the narrowing of an organism's thermal tolerance (Knust 2007, Pörtner and Farrell 2008). In future oceans, fish are expected to experience an intensification of warming and acidification (Doney et al., 2012). The results presented here

demonstrate that even fish that are tolerant to acidification may be negatively impacted by it if they are concurrently exposed to elevated temperatures.

The synergistic effects of temperature and CO₂ were also often apparent for the inland silverside, *M. beryllina*. For example, in the experiment examining only one temperature, elevated *p*CO₂ resulted in smaller larvae but only at high, and not optimal, temperatures. When four temperatures were examined, the ability of elevated *p*CO₂ to cause elevated mortality in larval fish occurred at the highest and lowest temperatures, but not at optimal temperatures. In the same experiment, hatching success was inhibited by *p*CO₂ at low but not high temperature. This result as well as depressed mortality at lower temperature and elevated *p*CO₂ are not surprising given that prior research has found that the negative effects of high CO₂ on *M. beryllina* are largely the result of embryonic rather than larval exposure of elevated *p*CO₂ (Baumann et al. 2012). Hence, cooler temperatures that extend egg hatching times and thus lengthen the time during which embryos experience the negative effects of acidification ultimately cause greater rates of embryonic and larval mortality. The synergistic negative effects at higher temperatures also fit within a theoretical framework of organismal physiology given that acidification depresses thermal tolerance (Pörtner, 2008, 2010). These outcomes demonstrate the importance of considering the combined effects of multiple climate change stressors on marine life, as in each case, the effects of both stressors were unexpected compared to the individual effects of each stressor.

Conclusions:

Acidification, thermal extremes, and sub-optimal food supplies are predicted to be caused by future climate change and are common phenomenon in coastal ecosystems, but the interactive effects of these stressors on most marine organisms are unknown. While *p*CO₂ levels have

increased by more than 40% since the Industrial Revolution the complete implications of this change for marine life are not fully understood (Kroeker et al., 2013). My thesis demonstrates how elevated $p\text{CO}_2$ coupled with changing temperatures and limited food supplies can lead to significant reductions in growth and survival for forage fish that incubate, hatch, and remain in estuaries where they are likely to experience these conditions under extreme scenarios today and will experience them more commonly in the future. Given that forage fish are key components of coastal marine food webs and effect the productivity of many marine fisheries, this study has important implications for managing coastal fisheries in modern day, eutrophic ecosystems and future oceans experiencing to climate change. Considering most fish species, forage or not, start from similarly sized eggs and larvae I feel this work is relevant to a broader range of fish outside the classification of forage fish.

Fish have been adapting to climate change and climate variability for millions of years (Brander 2007). Some fish, such *C. variegatus*, have developed reproductive strategies to offset differences in growth, survival, and predation rates based on environmental variability (Lambert 1984). Significant efforts have been spent on predicting and modeling what a changing environment might mean to fish in terms of reproductive strategies, timing of maturity, and growth rates (Beverton 1992, Winemiller 1992, Hutchings 1993). Less is known regarding the adaptability of fish to climate change (Malvezzi et al. 2015). Survival of fish populations experiencing climate change will depend on precise evolutionary responses.

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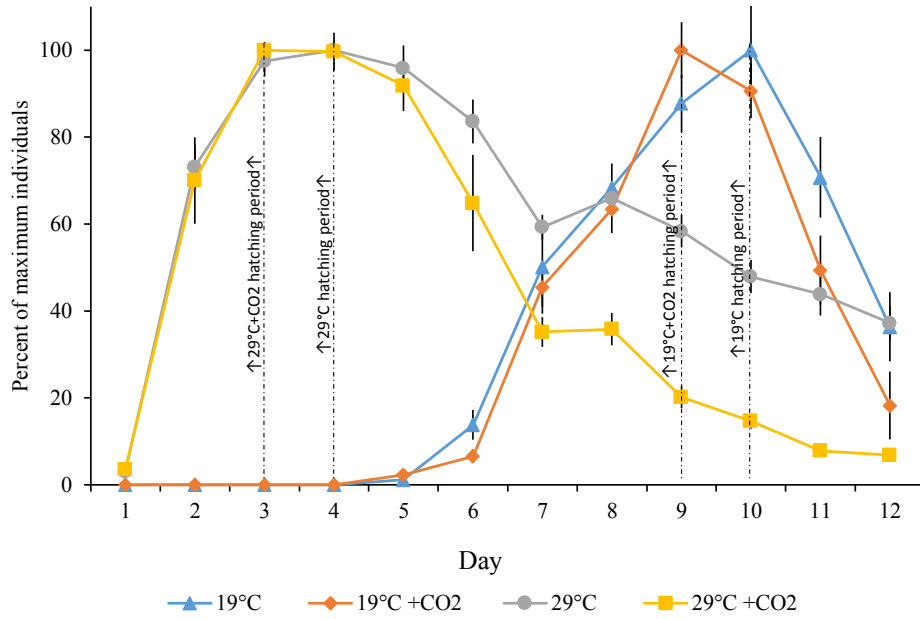


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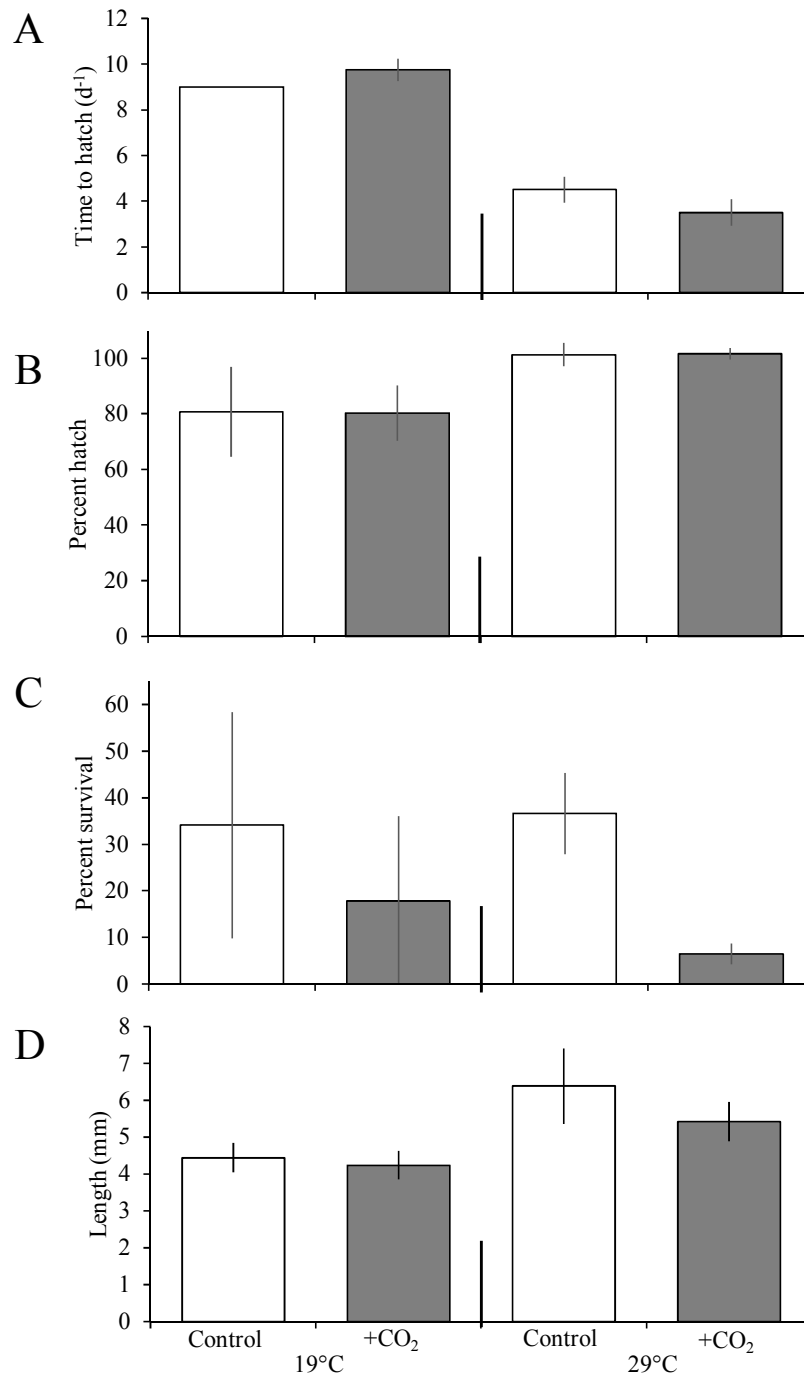


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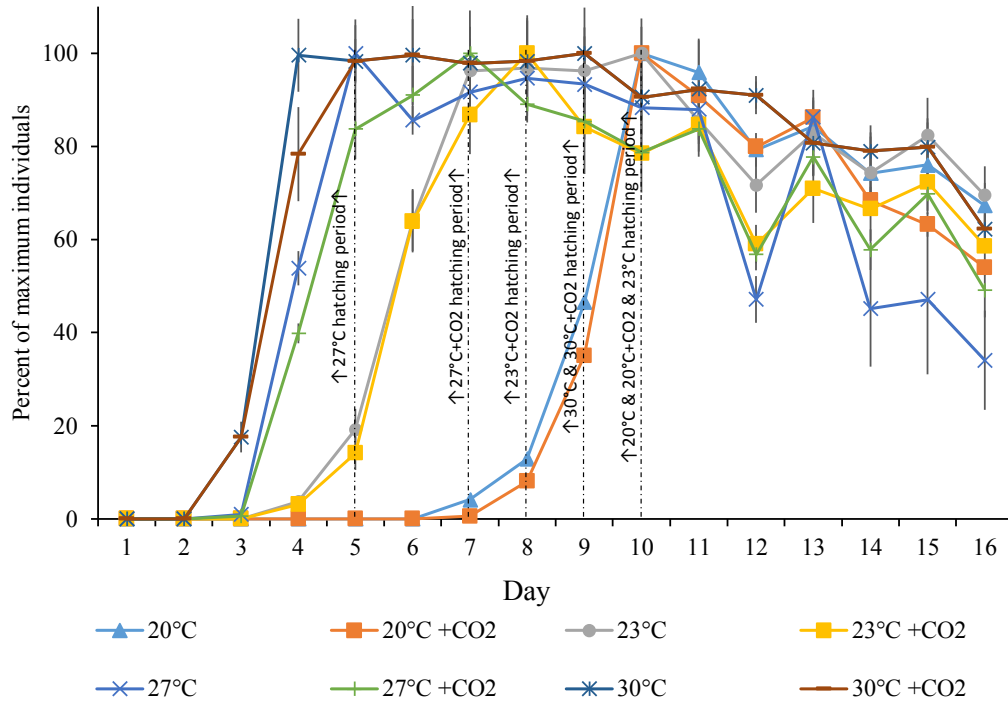


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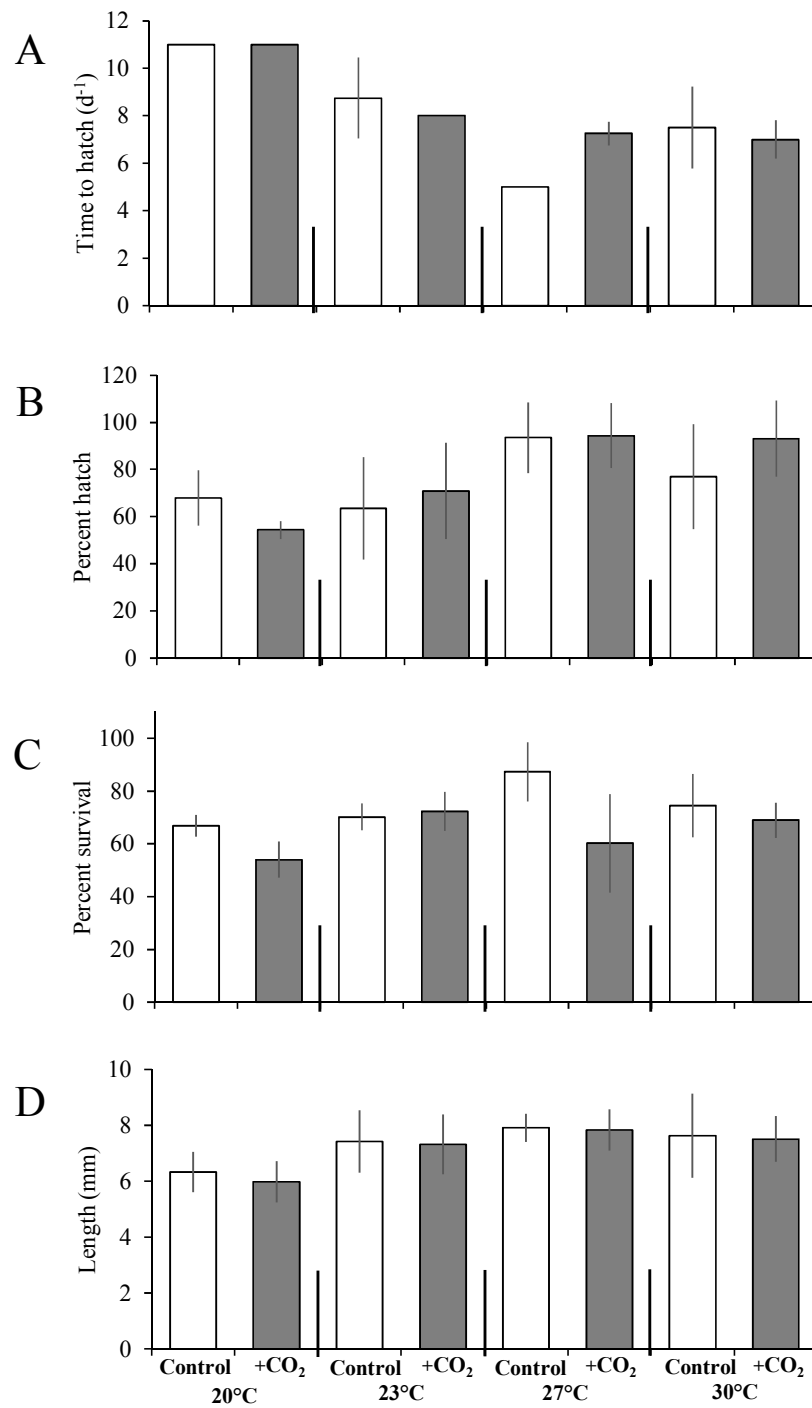


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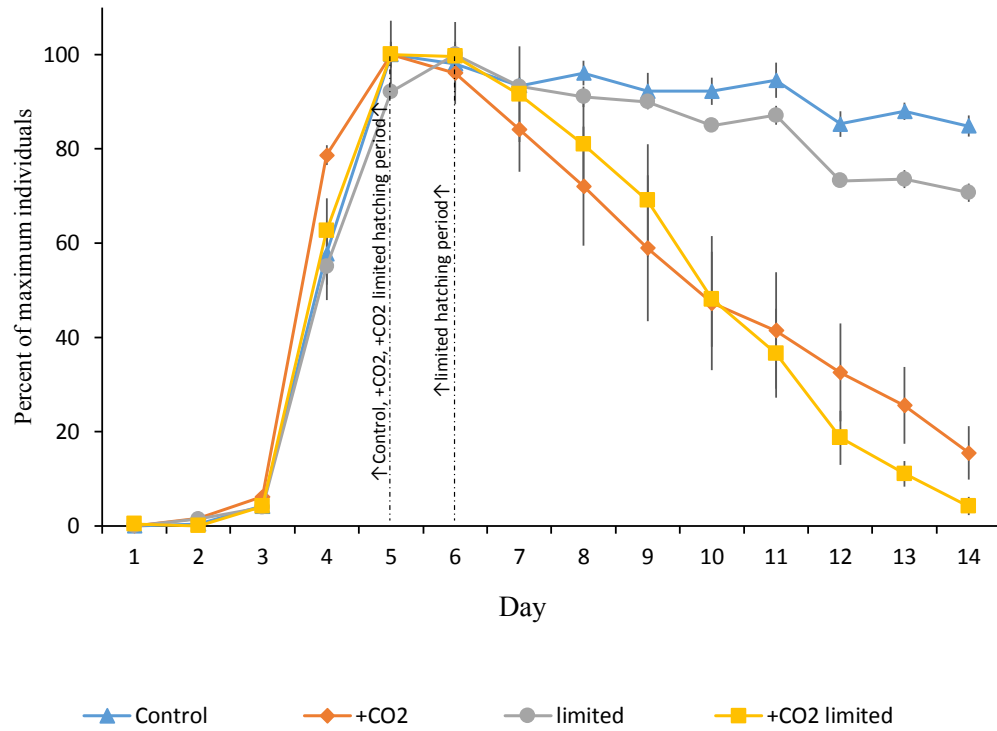


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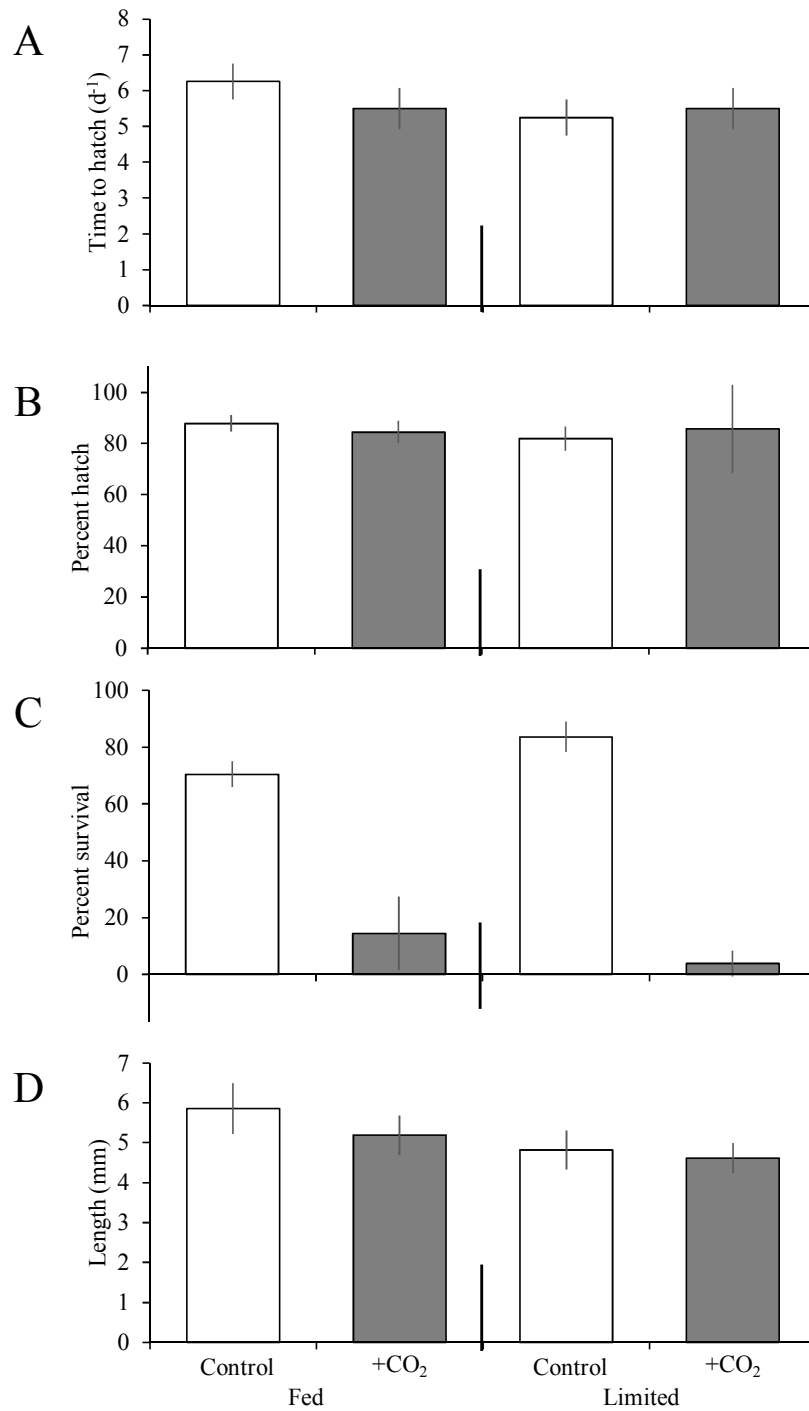


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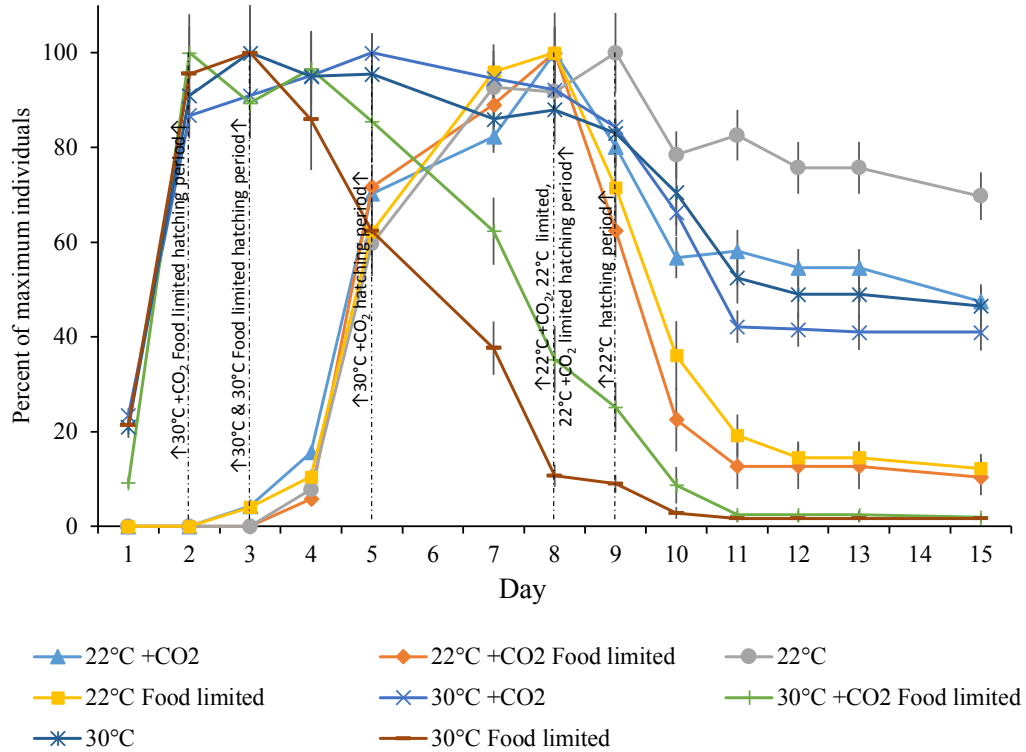


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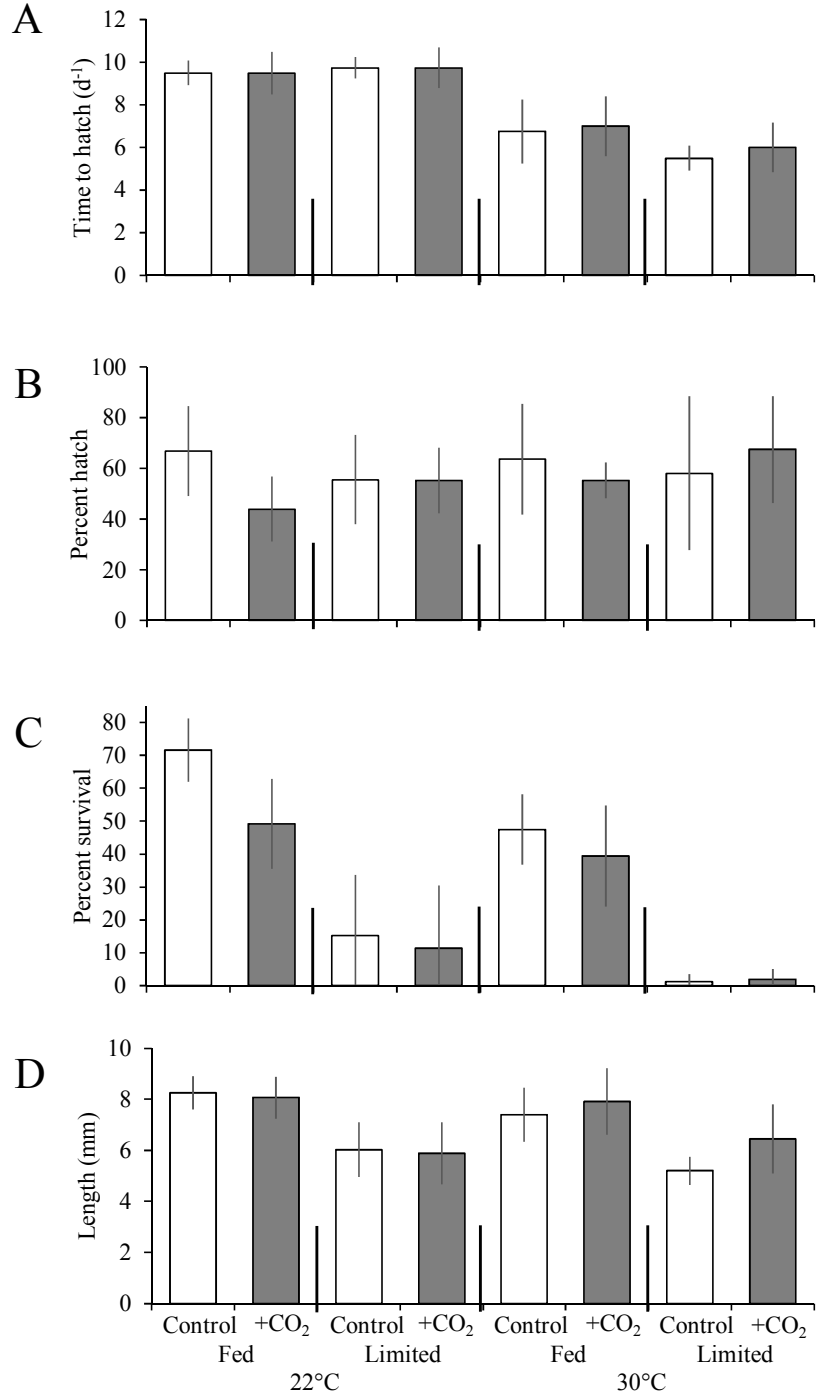


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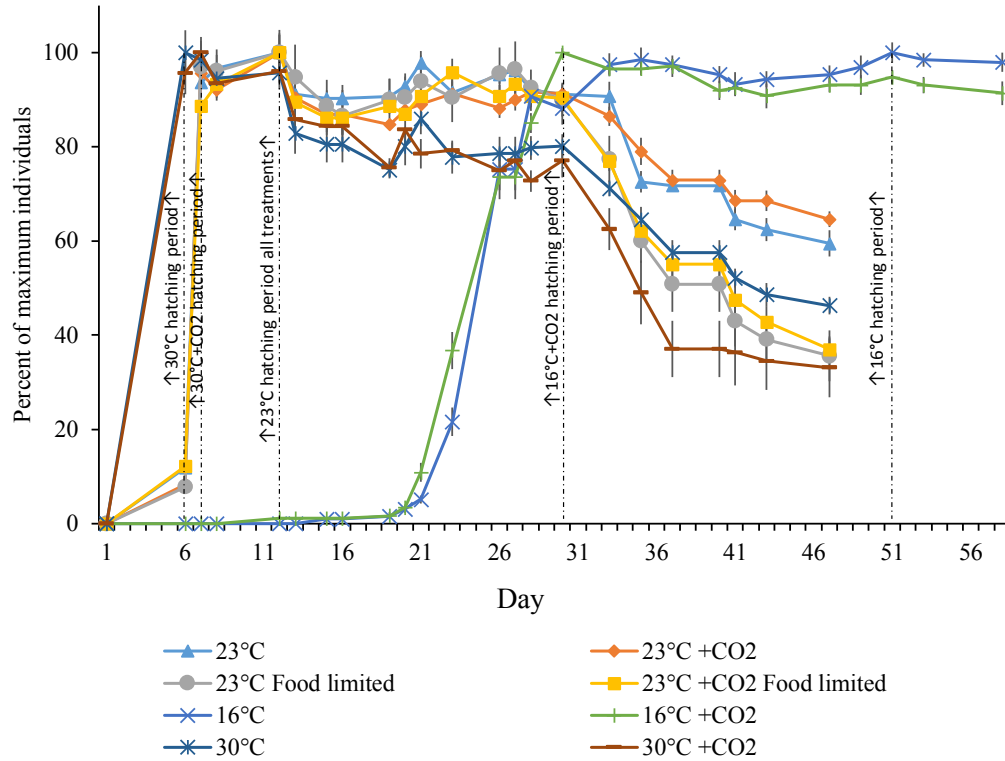


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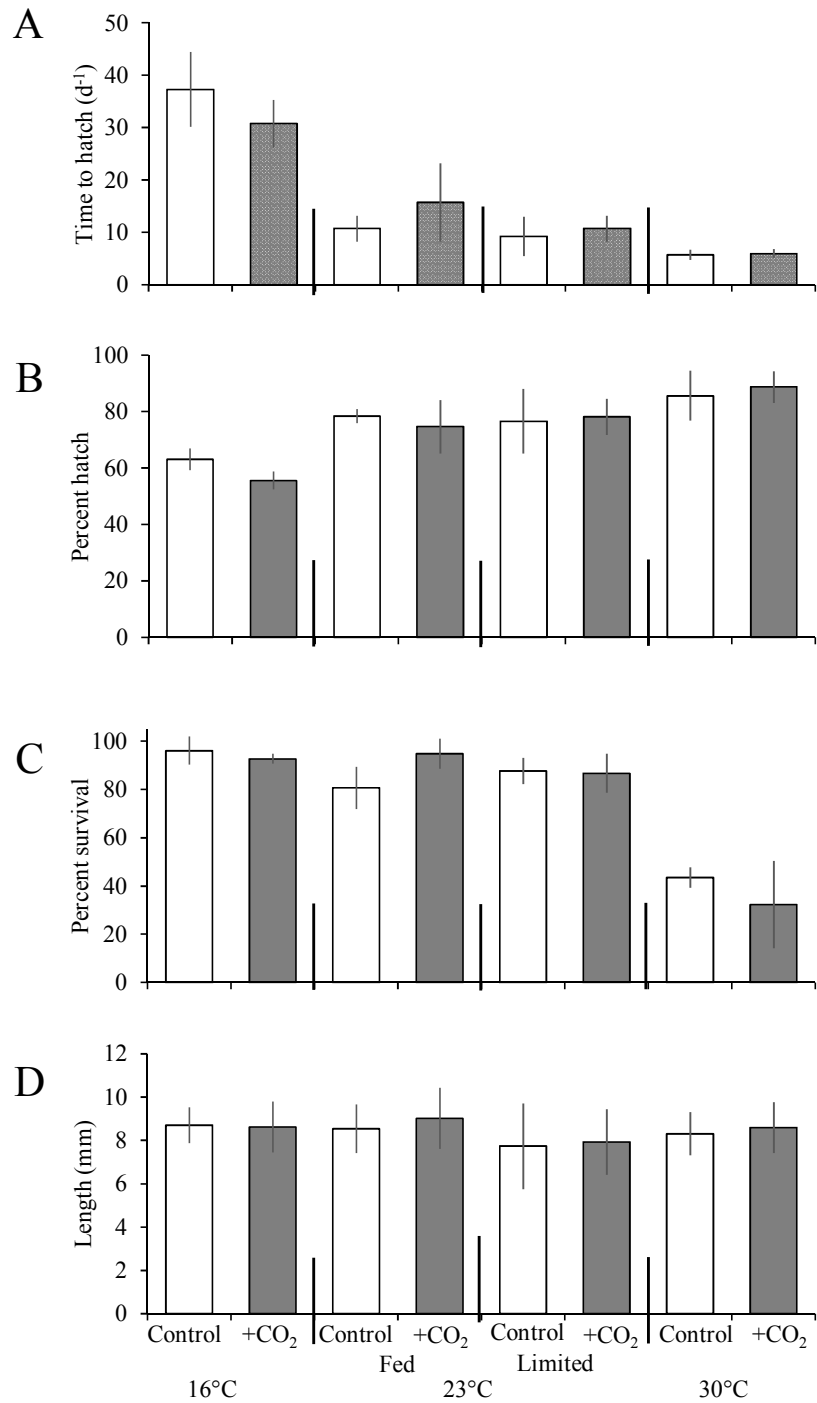


Figure 10: Temperature, food and CO₂ effects on *Cyprinodon variegatus*. A) Days to hatch. B) Percent hatch. C) Percent survival. D) Length. Bars represent the mean (n=4) and error bars represent standard deviation.

Tables

Table 1: Seawater chemistry for the experiment investigating temperature and CO₂ effects on *Menidia beryllina*. Mean and standard deviation in parentheses for temperature (°C), pH (total scale), pCO₂ (μatm), total alkalinity (μmol kg⁻¹), CO₃²⁻ (μmol kg⁻¹), and total dissolved inorganic carbon (μmol kg⁻¹).

| | Control, 19°C | +CO ₂ , 19°C | Control, 29°C | +CO ₂ , 29°C |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Temperature | 19 (0.53) | 19 (0.53) | 29 (0.29) | 29 (0.29) |
| pH_T | 7.93 (0.03) | 7.34 (0.05) | 7.91 (0.06) | 7.40 (0.05) |
| pCO₂ | 389 (18.1) | 1750 (244) | 3723 (23.7) | 1630 (366) |
| Ω calcite | 4.33 (0.15) | 1.42 (0.12) | 5.40 (1.05) | 1.76 (0.64) |
| Ω aragonite | 2.81 (0.10) | 0.92 (0.08) | 3.54 (0.72) | 1.15 (0.43) |
| TA | 2200 (67.1) | 2280 (50.8) | 2280 (111) | 2240 (112) |
| CO₃²⁻ | 175 (6.41) | 57.6 (4.83) | 216 (40.3) | 40.6 (25.0) |
| DIC | 1950 (65.9) | 2250 (55.8) | 1980 (61.0) | 2190 (90.1) |
| Salinity | 32.0 (0.5) | 32.0 (0.5) | 32.0 (0.5) | 32.0 (0.5) |

Table 2: Two-way ANOVA for the number of days required for 100% of eggs to hatch in the temperature and CO₂ effects on *Menidia beryllina* experiment.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS | MS | F | P |
|---------------------|----|---------|---------|---------|--------------|
| Temp | 1 | 115.563 | 115.563 | 504.273 | <0.001 |
| CO2 | 1 | 3.063 | 3.063 | 13.364 | 0.003 |
| Temp x CO2 | 1 | 0.0625 | 0.0625 | 0.273 | 0.611 |
| Residual | 12 | 2.750 | 0.229 | | |
| Total | 15 | 121.438 | 8.096 | | |

Table 3: Two-way ANOVA of the hatching success of eggs in each treatment of the temperature and CO₂ effects on *Menidia beryllina* experiment.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS | MS | F | P |
|---------------------|----|----------|----------|---------|--------------|
| Temp | 1 | 1753.516 | 1753.516 | 11.746 | 0.005 |
| CO2 | 1 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 1.000 |
| Temp x CO2 | 1 | 0.391 | 0.391 | 0.00262 | 0.960 |
| Residual | 12 | 1791.406 | 149.284 | | |
| Total | 15 | 3545.313 | 236.354 | | |

Table 4: Two-way ANOVA for the survival of larvae in each treatment at 9 days post hatch in the temperature and CO₂ effects on *Menidia beryllina* experiment

| Source of Variation | DF | SS | MS | F | P |
|---------------------|----|----------|----------|-------|--------------|
| Temp | 1 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 1.000 |
| CO2 | 1 | 1260.250 | 1260.250 | 9.520 | 0.009 |
| Temp x CO2 | 1 | 169.000 | 169.000 | 1.277 | 0.281 |
| Residual | 12 | 1588.500 | 132.375 | | |
| Total | 15 | 3017.750 | 201.183 | | |

Table 5: Two-way ANOVA for the analysis of fish length of preserved fish taken on the final day of the temperature and CO₂ effects on *Menidia beryllina* experiment

| Source of Variation | DF | SS | MS | F | P |
|------------------------|-----|---------|--------|---------|--------------|
| CO2 | 1 | 12.971 | 12.971 | 21.838 | <0.001 |
| Treatment | 1 | 93.422 | 93.422 | 157.286 | <0.001 |
| CO2 x Treatment | 1 | 5.548 | 5.548 | 9.340 | 0.003 |
| Residual | 227 | 134.829 | 0.594 | | |
| Total | 230 | 355.679 | 1.546 | | |

Table 6: Seawater chemistry for the experiment investigating expanded temperature and CO₂ effects on *Menidia beryllina*. Mean and standard deviation in parentheses for temperature (°C), pH (total scale), pCO₂ (µatm), total alkalinity (µmol kg⁻¹), CO₃²⁻ (µmol kg⁻¹), and total dissolved inorganic carbon (µmol kg⁻¹).

| | Control, 20°C | +CO₂, 20°C | Control, 23°C | +CO₂, 23°C |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Temperature | 20 (0.15) | 20 (0.15) | 23 (0.28) | 23 (0.28) |
| pH_T | 7.82 (0.06) | 7.21 (0.05) | 7.82 (0.05) | 7.26 (0.06) |
| pCO₂ | 392 (39.1) | 2164 (368) | 368 (35.5) | 1610 (438) |
| Ω calcite | 2.9 (0.13) | 0.7 (0.12) | 3.2 (0.23) | 1.0 (0.18) |
| Ω aragonite | 1.9 (0.08) | 0.5 (0.08) | 2.1 (0.15) | 0.6 (0.12) |
| TA | 1721 (50.4) | 1718 (92.0) | 1766 (119) | 1711 (122) |
| CO₃²⁻ | 116 (5.20) | 28.8 (4.70) | 129 (9.20) | 38.8 (7.31) |
| DIC | 1545 (49.1) | 1737 (93.7) | 1571 (112) | 1697 (141) |
| Salinity | 32.5 (0.5) | 32.5 (0.5) | 32.5 (0.5) | 32.5 (0.5) |
| | Control 27° | +CO₂ 27° | Control 30° | +CO₂ 30° |
| Temperature | 27 (0.28) | 27 (0.28) | 30 (0.55) | 30 (0.55) |
| pH_T | 7.81 (0.06) | 7.23 (0.09) | 7.82 (0.06) | 7.21 (0.06) |
| pCO₂ | 333 (21.0) | 1740 (301) | 327 (4.79) | 1402 (289) |
| Ω calcite | 3.4 (0.21) | 0.9 (0.13) | 3.6 (0.10) | 1.1 (0.22) |
| Ω aragonite | 2.2 (0.13) | 0.6 (0.08) | 2.4 (0.07) | 0.7 (0.15) |
| TA | 1756 (85.3) | 1753 (116) | 1794 (46.8) | 1728 (91.0) |
| CO₃²⁻ | 138 (8.44) | 37.7 (5.27) | 146 (4.28) | 45.4 (9.04) |
| DIC | 1545 (78.0) | 1744 (121) | 1572 (43.1) | 1697 (90.8) |
| Salinity | 32.5 (0.5) | 32.5 (0.5) | 32.5 (0.5) | 32.5 (0.5) |

Table 7: Two-way ANOVA for the number of days required for 100% of eggs to hatch in the expanded temperature and CO₂ effects on *Menidia beryllina* experiment.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS | MS | F | P |
|------------------------------|----|---------|--------|--------|------------------|
| Temp | 3 | 104.625 | 34.875 | 40.829 | <0.001 |
| CO ₂ | 1 | 0.500 | 0.500 | 0.585 | 0.452 |
| Temp x CO₂ | 3 | 11.250 | 3.750 | 4.390 | 0.013 |
| Residual | 24 | 20.500 | 0.854 | | |
| Total | 31 | 136.875 | 4.415 | | |

Table 8: Two-way ANOVA of the hatching success of eggs in each treatment of the expanded temperature and CO₂ effects on *Menidia beryllina* experiment.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS | MS | F | P |
|------------------------|----|-----------|----------|-------|--------------|
| Temp | 3 | 5591.602 | 1863.867 | 6.738 | 0.002 |
| CO ₂ | 1 | 63.281 | 63.281 | 0.229 | 0.637 |
| Temp x CO ₂ | 3 | 940.234 | 313.411 | 1.133 | 0.356 |
| Residual | 24 | 6639.063 | 276.628 | | |
| Total | 31 | 13234.180 | 426.909 | | |

Table 9: Two-way ANOVA for the survival of larvae in each treatment at 10 days post 100% hatched in the expanded temperature and CO₂ effects on *Menidia beryllina* experiment.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS | MS | F | P |
|------------------------------|----|----------|---------|-------|------------------|
| Temp | 3 | 2712.844 | 904.281 | 9.511 | <0.001 |
| CO ₂ | 1 | 247.531 | 247.531 | 2.604 | 0.120 |
| Temp x CO₂ | 3 | 1059.094 | 353.031 | 3.713 | 0.025 |
| Residual | 24 | 2281.750 | 95.073 | | |
| Total | 31 | 6301.219 | 203.265 | | |

Table 10: Two-way ANOVA for the analysis of fish length of preserved fish taken on the final day of the expanded temperature and CO₂ effects on *Menidia beryllina* experiment.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS | MS | F | P |
|------------------------|-----|---------|--------|--------|------------------|
| Temp | 3 | 130.077 | 43.359 | 47.702 | <0.001 |
| CO ₂ | 1 | 1.862 | 1.862 | 2.048 | 0.153 |
| Temp x CO ₂ | 3 | 0.894 | 0.298 | 0.328 | 0.805 |
| Residual | 294 | 267.230 | 0.909 | | |
| Total | 301 | 399.415 | 1.327 | | |

Table 11: Two-way ANOVA for analysis of the survival of larvae on day 10 in the 19° and 27° treatments in the expanded temperature and CO₂ effects on *Menidia beryllina* experiment.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS | MS | F | P |
|------------------------|----|----------|----------|--------|------------------|
| Temp | 1 | 2352.250 | 2352.250 | 40.267 | <0.001 |
| CO₂ | 1 | 1122.250 | 1122.250 | 19.211 | <0.001 |
| Temp x CO ₂ | 1 | 56.250 | 56.250 | 0.963 | 0.346 |
| Residual | 12 | 701.000 | 58.417 | | |
| Total | 15 | 4231.750 | 282.117 | | |

Table 12: Seawater chemistry for the diet and CO₂ effects on *Menidia beryllina* experiment. Mean and standard deviation in parentheses for temperature (°C), pH (total scale), *p*CO₂ (µatm), total alkalinity (µmol kg⁻¹), CO₃²⁻ (µmol kg⁻¹), and total dissolved inorganic carbon (µmol kg⁻¹).

| | Control, 24°C | +CO₂, 24°C | Control Starved, 24°C | +CO₂ Starved, 24°C |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Temperature | 24 (0.43) | 24 (0.43) | 24 (0.43) | 24 (0.43) |
| pH_T | 7.92 (0.03) | 7.38 (0.05) | 7.92 (0.03) | 7.39 (0.05) |
| pCO₂ | 494 (16.4) | 2088 (343) | 500 (14.9) | 2068 (376) |
| Ω calcite | 3.1 (0.07) | 1.0 (0.13) | 3.1 (0.18) | 1.0 (0.15) |
| Ω aragonite | 2.0 (0.04) | 0.6 (0.08) | 2.0 (0.12) | 0.7 (0.09) |
| TA | 2056 (16.9) | 2042 (10.6) | 2064 (46.3) | 2102 (64.2) |
| CO₃²⁻ | 129 (3.02) | 39.0 (5.08) | 128 (8.29) | 41.8 (5.84) |
| DIC | 1895 (16.3) | 2049 (16.6) | 1884 (34.7) | 2105 (74.9) |
| Salinity | 32.5 (0.5) | 32.5 (0.5) | 32.5 (0.5) | 32.5 (0.5) |

Table 13: Two-way ANOVA for the number of days required for 100% of eggs to hatch in the diet and CO₂ effects on *Menidia beryllina* experiment.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS | MS | F | P |
|------------------------|----|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| Food | 1 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 3.429 | 0.089 |
| CO ₂ | 1 | 0.250 | 0.250 | 0.857 | 0.373 |
| Food x CO ₂ | 1 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 3.429 | 0.089 |
| Residual | 12 | 3.500 | 0.292 | | |
| Total | 15 | 5.750 | 0.383 | | |

Table 14: Two-way ANOVA of the hatching success of eggs in each treatment of the diet and CO₂ effects on *Menidia beryllina* experiment.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS | MS | F | P |
|------------------------|----|----------|--------|---------|-------|
| Food | 1 | 21.973 | 21.973 | 0.252 | 0.625 |
| CO ₂ | 1 | 0.0977 | 0.0977 | 0.00112 | 0.974 |
| Food x CO ₂ | 1 | 51.660 | 51.660 | 0.592 | 0.456 |
| Residual | 12 | 1046.484 | 87.207 | | |
| Total | 15 | 1120.215 | 74.681 | | |

Table 15: Two-way ANOVA for the survival of larvae in each treatment at 9 days post hatch in the diet and CO₂ effects on *Menidia beryllina* experiment.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS | MS | F | P |
|------------------------------|----|----------|----------|---------|------------------|
| Food | 1 | 4.000 | 4.000 | 0.140 | 0.715 |
| CO₂ | 1 | 8372.250 | 8372.250 | 293.334 | <0.001 |
| Food x CO₂ | 1 | 156.250 | 156.250 | 5.474 | 0.037 |
| Residual | 12 | 342.500 | 28.542 | | |
| Total | 15 | 8875.000 | 591.667 | | |

Table 16: Two-way ANOVA for the analysis of fish length of preserved fish taken on the final day of the diet and CO₂ effects on *Menidia beryllina* experiment.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS | MS | F | P |
|------------------------------|-----|---------|--------|--------|------------------|
| Food | 1 | 20.989 | 20.989 | 67.297 | <0.001 |
| CO₂ | 1 | 6.073 | 6.073 | 19.472 | <0.001 |
| Food x CO₂ | 1 | 1.833 | 1.833 | 5.878 | 0.016 |
| Residual | 468 | 145.964 | 0.312 | | |
| Total | 471 | 267.910 | 0.569 | | |

Table 17: Seawater chemistry in the temperature, food and CO₂ effects on *Menidia beryllina* experiment. Mean and standard deviation in parentheses for temperature (°C), pH (total scale), pCO₂ (µatm), total alkalinity (µmol kg⁻¹), CO₃²⁻ (µmol kg⁻¹), and total dissolved inorganic carbon (µmol kg⁻¹).

| | Control, 22°C | +CO₂, 22°C | Control Starved, 22°C | +CO₂ Starved, 22°C |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Temperature | 22 (0.26) | 22 (0.26) | 22 (0.26) | 22 (0.26) |
| pH_T | 7.92 (0.02) | 7.26 (0.09) | 7.93 (0.02) | 7.20 (0.07) |
| pCO₂ | 381 (49.0) | 2410 (250) | 358 (15.4) | 2170 (112) |
| Ω calcite | 4.2 (0.28) | 0.8 (0.05) | 4.3 (0.18) | 0.8 (0.04) |
| Ω aragonite | 2.7 (0.18) | 0.5 (0.03) | 2.8 (0.12) | 0.5 (0.02) |
| TA | 2120 (24.0) | 1978 (37.7) | 2111 (86.9) | 1873 (1.31) |
| CO₃²⁻ | 169 (11.2) | 32.9 (1.93) | 174 (7.48) | 32.5 (1.49) |
| DIC | 1879 (43.3) | 2002 (48.8) | 1862 (79.9) | 1889 (7.14) |
| Salinity | 32.5 (0.5) | 32.5 (0.5) | 32.5 (0.5) | 32.5 (0.5) |
| | Control, 30°C | +CO₂, 30°C | Control Starved, 30°C | +CO₂ Starved, 30°C |
| Temperature | 30 (0.24) | 30 (0.24) | 30 (0.24) | 30 (0.24) |
| pH_T | 7.95 (0.01) | 7.33 (0.06) | 7.96 (0.02) | 7.31 (0.06) |
| pCO₂ | 351 (11.8) | 2576 (190) | 364 (15.8) | 2340 (30.1) |
| Ω calcite | 5.8 (0.76) | 1.3 (0.12) | 6.4 (0.14) | 1.4 (0.06) |
| Ω aragonite | 3.9 (0.50) | 0.9 (0.08) | 4.3 (0.09) | 0.9 (0.04) |
| TA | 2211 (200) | 2267 (27.4) | 2381 (5.20) | 2220 (66.2) |
| CO₃²⁻ | 231 (30.3) | 53.3 (4.74) | 256 (5.56) | 55.6 (2.53) |
| DIC | 1881 (166) | 2257 (15.9) | 2024 (13.9) | 2199 (64.0) |
| Salinity | 32.5 (0.5) | 32.5 (0.5) | 32.5 (0.5) | 32.5 (0.5) |

Table 18: Three-way ANOVA for the number of days required for 100% of eggs to hatch in the temperature, food and CO₂ effects on *Menidia beryllina* experiment.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS | MS | F | P |
|-------------------------------|----|---------|--------|--------|------------------|
| Food | 1 | 1.531 | 1.531 | 1.455 | 0.239 |
| Temp | 1 | 87.781 | 87.781 | 83.436 | <0.001 |
| CO ₂ | 1 | 0.281 | 0.281 | 0.267 | 0.610 |
| Food x Temp | 1 | 3.781 | 3.781 | 3.594 | 0.070 |
| Food x CO ₂ | 1 | 0.0313 | 0.0313 | 0.0297 | 0.865 |
| Temp x CO ₂ | 1 | 0.281 | 0.281 | 0.267 | 0.610 |
| Food x Temp x CO ₂ | 1 | 0.0313 | 0.0313 | 0.0297 | 0.865 |
| Residual | 24 | 25.250 | 1.052 | | |
| Total | 31 | 118.969 | 3.838 | | |

Table 19: Three-way ANOVA of the hatching success of eggs in each treatment of the temperature, food and CO₂ effects on *Menidia beryllina* experiment.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS | MS | F | P |
|-------------------------------|----|-----------|---------|--------|-------|
| Food | 1 | 21.533 | 21.533 | 0.0604 | 0.808 |
| Temp | 1 | 260.205 | 260.205 | 0.730 | 0.401 |
| CO ₂ | 1 | 246.143 | 246.143 | 0.690 | 0.414 |
| Food x Temp | 1 | 21.533 | 21.533 | 0.0604 | 0.808 |
| Food x CO ₂ | 1 | 812.549 | 812.549 | 2.279 | 0.144 |
| Temp x CO ₂ | 1 | 289.502 | 289.502 | 0.812 | 0.377 |
| Food x Temp x CO ₂ | 1 | 10.986 | 10.986 | 0.0308 | 0.862 |
| Residual | 24 | 8558.203 | 356.592 | | |
| Total | 31 | 10220.654 | 329.699 | | |

Table 20: Three-way ANOVA for the survival of larvae in each treatment at 10 days post 100% hatched in the temperature, food and CO₂ effects on *Menidia beryllina* experiment.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS | MS | F | P |
|-------------------------------|----|----------|----------|--------|------------------|
| Food | 1 | 3894.031 | 3894.031 | 63.500 | <0.001 |
| Temperature | 1 | 413.281 | 413.281 | 6.739 | 0.016 |
| CO₂ | 1 | 442.531 | 442.531 | 7.216 | 0.013 |
| Food x Temp | 1 | 42.781 | 42.781 | 0.698 | 0.412 |
| Food x CO₂ | 1 | 427.781 | 427.781 | 6.976 | 0.014 |
| Temp x CO ₂ | 1 | 124.031 | 124.031 | 2.023 | 0.168 |
| Food x Temp x CO ₂ | 1 | 87.781 | 87.781 | 1.431 | 0.243 |
| Residual | 24 | 1471.750 | 61.323 | | |
| Total | 31 | 6903.969 | 222.709 | | |

Table 21: Three-way ANOVA for the analysis of fish length of preserved fish taken on the final day of the temperature, food and CO₂ effects on *Menidia beryllina* experiment.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS | MS | F | P |
|-------------------------------|-----|---------|--------|--------|------------------|
| Food | 1 | 50.995 | 50.995 | 48.719 | <0.001 |
| Temp | 1 | 1.284 | 1.284 | 1.227 | 0.271 |
| CO ₂ | 1 | 1.619 | 1.619 | 1.547 | 0.217 |
| Food x Temp | 1 | 0.429 | 0.429 | 0.409 | 0.524 |
| Food x CO ₂ | 1 | 0.480 | 0.480 | 0.458 | 0.500 |
| Temp x CO ₂ | 1 | 3.426 | 3.426 | 3.273 | 0.074 |
| Food x Temp x CO ₂ | 1 | 0.354 | 0.354 | 0.338 | 0.562 |
| Residual | 94 | 98.392 | 1.047 | | |
| Total | 101 | 174.960 | 1.732 | | |

Table 22: Seawater chemistry in the temperature, food and CO₂ effects on *Cyprinodon variegatus* experiment. Mean and standard deviation in parentheses for temperature (°C), pH (total scale), pCO₂ (µatm), total alkalinity (µmol kg⁻¹), CO₃²⁻ (µmol kg⁻¹), and total dissolved inorganic carbon (µmol kg⁻¹).

| | Control, 23°C | +CO₂, 23°C | Control Starved, 23°C | +CO₂ Starved, 23°C |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Temperature | 23 (0.29) | 23 (0.29) | 23 (0.29) | 23 (0.29) |
| pH_T | 7.86 (0.06) | 7.31 (0.08) | 7.87 (0.07) | 7.31 (0.07) |
| pCO₂ | 397 (7.13) | 2057 (168) | 404 (10.2) | 2191 (156) |
| Ω calcite | 2.2 (0.04) | 0.5 (0.05) | 2.2 (0.07) | 0.5 (0.02) |
| Ω aragonite | 1.4 (0.03) | 0.3 (0.03) | 1.4 (0.05) | 0.3 (0.01) |
| TA | 1519 (16.5) | 1429 (15.9) | 1505 (16.7) | 1431 (45.4) |
| CO₃²⁻ | 90.4 (1.63) | 20.1 (1.86) | 88.5 (3.00) | 19.0 (0.88) |
| DIC | 1378 (15.4) | 1458 (13.4) | 1366 (12.3) | 1466 (49.5) |
| Salinity | 32.5 (0.5) | 32.5 (0.5) | 32.5 (0.5) | 32.5 (0.5) |
| | Control 16° | +CO₂ 16° | Control 30° | +CO₂ 30° |
| Temperature | 16 (0.09) | 16 (0.09) | 30 (0.16) | 30 (0.16) |
| pH_T | 7.88 (0.04) | 7.30 (0.09) | 7.90 (0.06) | 7.45 (0.10) |
| pCO₂ | 519 (11.4) | 2356 (17.4) | 417 (4.00) | 1365 (98.1) |
| Ω calcite | 1.7 (0.03) | 0.5 (0.04) | 2.6 (0.06) | 1.2 (0.13) |
| Ω aragonite | 1.1 (0.02) | 0.3 (0.02) | 1.7 (0.04) | 0.8 (0.08) |
| TA | 1487 (5.56) | 1481 (59.3) | 1676 (15.1) | 1873 (164) |
| CO₃²⁻ | 69.5 (1.19) | 18.6 (1.43) | 103 (2.60) | 48.8 (5.09) |
| DIC | 1384 (8.20) | 1524 (57.7) | 1520 (11.3) | 1893 (162) |
| Salinity | 32.5 (0.5) | 32.5 (0.5) | 32.5 (0.5) | 32.5 (0.5) |

Table 23: Two-way ANOVA for the number of days required for 100% of eggs to hatch in the temperature, food and CO₂ effects on *Cyprinodon variegatus* experiment.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS | MS | F | P |
|------------------------|----|----------|----------|--------|------------------|
| Temp | 2 | 3716.844 | 1858.422 | 92.256 | <0.001 |
| CO ₂ | 1 | 7.200 | 7.200 | 0.357 | 0.555 |
| Temp x CO ₂ | 2 | 126.844 | 63.422 | 3.148 | 0.060 |
| Residual | 26 | 523.750 | 20.144 | | |
| Total | 31 | 4367.469 | 140.886 | | |

Table 24: Two-way ANOVA of the hatching success of eggs in each treatment of the temperature, food and CO₂ effects on *Cyprinodon variegatus* experiment.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS | MS | F | P |
|------------------------|----|----------|----------|--------|------------------|
| Temp | 2 | 3202.002 | 1601.001 | 33.306 | <0.001 |
| CO ₂ | 1 | 23.926 | 23.926 | 0.498 | 0.487 |
| Temp x CO ₂ | 2 | 115.283 | 57.642 | 1.199 | 0.318 |
| Residual | 26 | 1249.805 | 48.069 | | |
| Total | 31 | 4588.623 | 148.020 | | |

Table 25: Two-way ANOVA for the survival of larvae in each treatment at 9 days post hatch in the temperature, food and CO₂ effects on *Cyprinodon variegatus* experiment.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS | MS | F | P |
|------------------------------|----|--------|--------|--------|------------------|
| Temp | 2 | 2.439 | 1.220 | 57.650 | <0.001 |
| CO ₂ | 1 | 0.0118 | 0.0118 | 0.556 | 0.463 |
| Temp x CO₂ | 2 | 0.147 | 0.0733 | 3.463 | 0.046 |
| Residual | 26 | 0.550 | 0.0212 | | |
| Total | 31 | 3.136 | 0.101 | | |

Table 26: Two-way ANOVA for the analysis of fish length of preserved fish taken on the final day of the temperature, food and CO₂ effects on *Cyprinodon variegatus* experiment.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS | MS | F | P |
|------------------------|-----|---------|-------|-------|--------------|
| Temp | 2 | 12.025 | 6.012 | 3.569 | 0.029 |
| CO ₂ | 1 | 0.420 | 0.420 | 0.250 | 0.618 |
| Temp x CO ₂ | 2 | 0.955 | 0.478 | 0.283 | 0.753 |
| Residual | 305 | 513.829 | 1.685 | | |
| Total | 310 | 527.118 | 1.700 | | |