Effects of supportive breeding on loci underlying fitness traits in Chinook salmon

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Effectiveness of managed gene flow in reducing genetic divergence associated with captive breeding

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Patterns: Fitness Studies



Fish born in hatcheries do not produce as many offspring in the wild as wild-born fish

- Mechanisms underlying reduced fitness? Which fitness traits are most affected by the hatchery?
- Relative importance of domestication vs. genetic drift and inbreeding?
- Effects on genetic variation?
- Long-term impacts of hatchery fish on wild populations?
- Effectiveness of possible solutions?

Applications of Genomics



Cle Elum Supplementation and Research Facility Spring Chinook salmon



Temporal Change in Genetic Variation



Waters et al. 2015



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Multi-Trait Mapping Reveals Candidate Regions





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Possible Signs of Domestication

Loci and regions of the genome consistently divergent in the SEG line when compared to the P_1 founders





Bayes





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Sliding window



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- > Do trait-linked loci separate INT and SEG lines?
- ► Look for overlap between loci associated with traits and outlier loci
- > Null results \neq no domestication

Has Domestication Selection Affected Return Time?



PC 1 (9.9%)

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Moving forward: Bridging the gap between science and policy

- Share data early and often, even if components of research are not mature
- Iterative process with managers and policy makers
- Translation of science to policy assisted by solutions-driven research

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The Genetic Basis of Fitness-Related Traits in Chinook Salmon



- Return time
- Maturation time
- Age at maturity
- Weight
- Forklength
- Daily growth rate

Exploring adaptive evolution in the hatchery environment: Return time



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