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Long-lived marine fish employing broadcast spawning may be resilient to environmental variability: selective sieve hypothesis

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And other insights into Pacific ocean perch (POP) biology through genomic analysis

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Q: How can we leverage this information to answer old questions and pose new ones?

Dispersal model of Pacific ocean perch (POP) larvae



DisMELS (Dispersal Model for Early Life History Stages), a ROMS based IBM particle movement model

William Stockhausen, NOAA

DisMELS predicted high lifetime dispersal

Predicted population structure = Panmixia



In silico Wright-Fisher simulation study: 12 isolated populations subject to DisMELS derived Transition matrix.



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Q: How is this population structure maintained under strong dispersal?

Young of the Year POP collections



- **RAD seq** analysis of **507 POP** individuals.
- **11,146 SNPs and 398 individuals** after filtering.

Group assignments based on STRUCTURE analysis revealed 4 populations in the 2014 and 2015 YOY collections





PCA (1st vs 2nd component)

Pairwise Fst

	2014-A	2014-В	2014-C	2014-D	2015-A	2015-В	2015-C
2014-В	0.0232						
2014-C	0.0301	0.0138					
2014-D	0.0229	0.0085	0.0116				
2015-A	0.0008	0.0263	0.0321	0.0259			
2015-В	0.023	0.0001	0.0128	0.0067	0.026		
2015-C	0.0303	0.014	-0.0003	0.0112	0.0321	0.0132	
2015-D	0.0234	0.0085	0.0112	0.0001	0.0264	0.0079	0.0117

Spatial pattern of the population distribution in 2014 and 2015

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Distribution of POP Populations in YOY catch in 2014



2014

2015

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Genome-phenotype and environment association

	<i>2014 Candidate</i>	<i>2015 Candidate</i>
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• Selection may be balancing the effects of gene flow due to dispersal.

Conclusions

Part 1, DisMELS dispersal and population structure

- Wide ranging dispersal is consistent with DisMELS model.
- POP larvae/YOY aggregates are mixtures of spawning populations consistent with DisMELS model.
- Selection along spatio-temporal gradients may be balancing dispersal resulting in the observed population structure.

Annual differences in patterns of selection

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- More candidate selected loci in 2015 than in 2014
 - Stronger selection in 2015.
 - 2015 was a warm anomaly year with large sea bird die-offs

POP life history through energy density



Selection may be strongest during larval/YOY stage



Most vulnerable life stage

Selective sieve hypothesis



Conclusions Part 2, selective sieve hypothesis

- Selection pressure varies annually (selective sieve):
 - Cohort specific molecular selection signatures may possibly be used to estimate ages of adults.
- Possibly able to reconstruct environmental selection forces (i.e. temperature) based on patterns of selected alleles:
 - What were the environmental conditions 100 years ago based on the alleles found in 100 year old fish?
- Long lived species with multiple cohorts spawning over many years may be particularly resilient to environmental variability by maintaining a portfolio of adaptive alleles.



