

Genomic Adaptation and Conservation and Management of Life-History Variation

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>What is the role of **population genetics** in conservation? Delineate ESU/DPS boundaries, stock identification (GSI), parentage based tagging, and hatchery broodstock management (e.g. inbreeding avoidance).

>How is the emerging field of 'adaptation genomics' different?





>Emerging due to change in our ability to find and quantify the effects of specific genetic elements using genome-wide DNA data:





MOLECULAR ECOLOGY

Level of biological question



>Adaptive Genomic Variation (AGV); Specific SNPs or <u>genomic regions</u> that have been shown to have an adaptive evolutionary effect in wild populations. Almost always uncertain, and likely to have intraspecific variation.

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Early vs. Late Age-of-Return in Atlantic Salmon:

VGLL3 is associated with lipid storage and age of puberty in humans.

Genomic 'islands of divergence' in coastal and migratory Cod:

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Smoltification in steelhead/Rainbow Trout:

>Numerous genomic studies of life-history in *O. mykiss*:

Robison et al. 2001; O'Malley et al. 2003; Leder et al. 2006; Phillips et al. 2006; Nichols et al. 2007, 2008; Haidle et al. 2008; Colihueque et al. 2010; Paibomesai et al. 2010; Easton et al. 2011; Le Bras et al. 2011; Martínez et al. 2011; Miller et al. 2012; Narum et al. 2011;Limborg et al. 2012; Hecht et al. 2012a,b; Hale et al. 2014; Pearse et al. 2014; McKinney et al. 2015

>Results highly variable, but many have associated one region of chromosome Omy5 with correlated life-history traits.

Smoltification in steelhead/Rainbow Trout: Omy5.

>**Rapid** adaptation of Rainbow Trout above barriers associated with evolution on one genomic region.

>Repeated parallel evolution from standing variation.

>Significant effect of above-barrier population **age**. (natural populations fixed)

>Individual smoltification effects.

>Genomic characterization in progress.

Pearse et al. 2014, Proc. Roy. Soc. B

Parallel evolution of residency in O. mykiss

Parallel evolution of Summer/Winter run-timing in steelhead

Arciniega et al. 2016, Conservation Genetics

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Arciniega et al. In Prep

Applied Conservation & Management:

How should we incorporate Adaptive Genomic Variation into steelhead management?

How is 'Conservation Genomics' different?

"all naturally spawned **anadromous** *O. mykiss* (steelhead) populations **below** natural and manmade impassable barriers" NMFS 2006

Approaches to Adaptive Genomic Variation:

- A) Passive Monitoring
- B) Active Management
- C) Marker Assisted Conservation

Passive Monitoring & Process Management:

AGV is subject to same genome-wide forces as neutral loci

Figure 1 | Schematic diagram of interacting factors in conservation of natural **populations.** Traditional conservation genetics, using neutral markers, provides direct

Allendorf et al. 2010, Nature Reviews Genetics

Active Management:

>Follows existing ESA listing process.

>Additional potential level for Management Unit designation (Adaptive Group).

>Likely only useful for major phenotypes.
>Will not capture all AGV.

>Identify source populations for re-introductions. (He et al. 2016 Con Bio)

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Figure I. Proposed steps in using genomic data [e.g. single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs)] to define conservation units and test for adaptive differentiation among management units (MUs). White circles represent sampling localities, blue outlines are evolutionarily significant units (ESUs), yellow ellipses are MUs, and orange outlines are adaptively similar groups of MUs. The grayscale background is an elevation layer (white is high elevation, black is low elevation).

Funk et al. 2012, TREE

Marker Assisted Conservation:

>Use of genotype at specific loci to select individuals for breeding.

>Widely used for livestock and crops.

>Hatchery broodstock selection.

>Released animals must be fit in their environment.

>Habitat is critical.

Adaptive variation reflects ecological conditions:

>Relative reproductive success of alternative individuals.

>Balance of selection.

>Non-equilibrium populations.

>River connectivity, geologic time and intermittent fish passage...

>Dynamic equilibrium!

since 1920 **Carmel River**

today 2016

Summary: What should we do with this information?

>Adaptive genomic variation can be targeted for conservation.

Even genes of major effect are probabilistic indicators of individual phenotype. (Major exception; immune system genes)

➢Focus on evolutionary processes that promote diversity rather than an idealized genetic composition. Evaluate that diversity using neutral and adaptive loci.

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... then he yelled "evolution!" and simply jumped out ...

