



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Steelhead Summit

October 27 & 28, 2016 in San Luis Obispo, CA

# + Session Overview

- Sponsors:
  - California Trout
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  - Sustainable Conservation
  - California Conservation Corps
  - Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board
  - Wildnote

The year's Summit agenda highlighted adaptive genomic variation, steelhead recovery planning, coastal monitoring status reports, fish passage planning, and water conservation efforts.

The full-day symposium was followed by concurrent field tours to restoration sites that showcase fish passage improvements and water conservation projects.

# + Presentations

## **Orientation Presentations**

*(Slide 4) Saving the Spandrels? Adaptive Genomic Variation in Conservation and Fisheries Management*

Devon Pearce, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Fisheries

*(Slide 31) Steelhead diversity and resilience around the Pacific Rim*

Dr. Matthew Sloat, Wild Salmon Center

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# Saving the Spandrels? Adaptive Genomic Variation in Conservation and Fisheries Management

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**Salmonid Restoration Federation Steelhead Summit  
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>**Population Genetics** has many roles in conservation:

>Delineate ESU/DPS boundaries, stock identification (GSI), parentage based tagging, effective population size ( $N_e$ ), and hatchery broodstock management, etc.

>Historically “data limited”.

>Theory dating back to modern synthesis (Wright-Haldane-Fisher).

>Based on the ‘neutral theory’ (Kimura 1968).

>What is ‘**Conservation Genomics**’ and is it different?

Short answer is NO. But see....

(Primmer, 2009; Allendorf *et al.*, 2010; Ouborg *et al.*, 2010; Funk *et al.*, 2012; Shafer *et al.*, 2015, 2016; Benestan *et al.*, 2016; Prince *et al.* 2016; Garner *et al.*, 2016; Pearse 2016 )

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Fraction of genome

1 locus mtDNA

Microsatellites/SNPs

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Whole genome re-sequencing

SNPs sequencing

RADtag (Baird 2008)

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“Neutral” Population Genetic Data Analysis

“Adaptive” or “Functional” Adaptive Genomic Variation (AGV)

> Genomic data is now almost limitless.

> Neutral vs Adaptive is a fundamental dichotomy.  
But, it is really a continuum!



Which pieces of grain are 'neutral', and which ones affect the character of the beer?

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“Under the influence” of selection



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## *Oncorhynchus mykiss*

- **Steelhead:** Anadromous, spend 1-2 years in freshwater and 1-4 years in salt water prior to spawning. Iteroparous.
- **Rainbow Trout:** Stay in stream entire life as Residents. Populations may exist in isolated freshwater systems.

**Determined by some combination of genetics (heritable) and response to environmental effects (phenotypic placticity).**



Photo: Morgan Bond

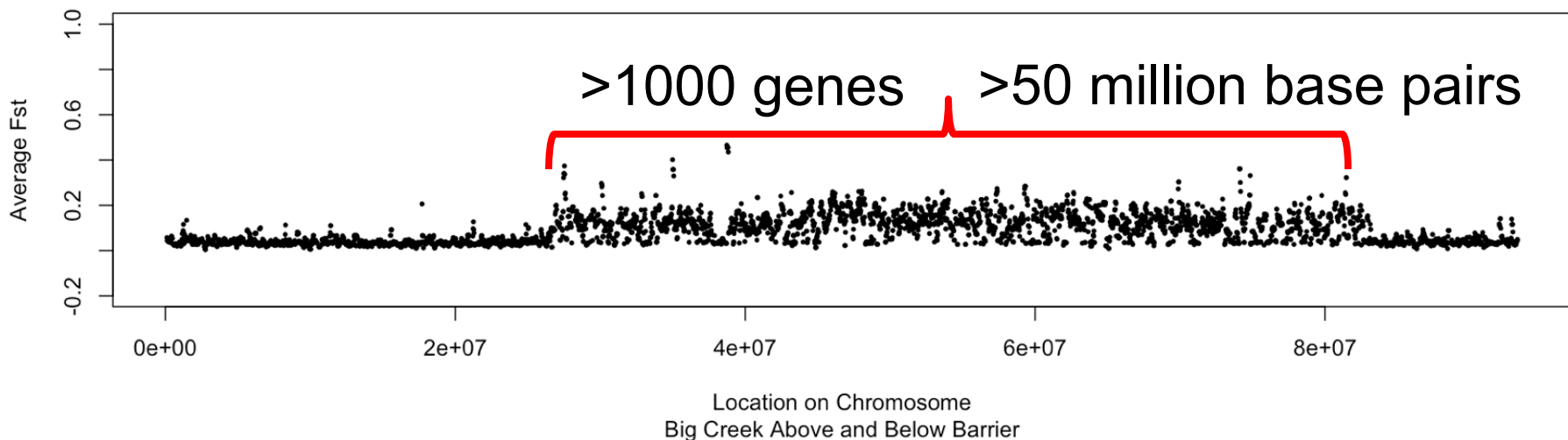
# Genomic basis of anadromy

## >Numerous studies on genetic basis 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 part of chromosome Omy5 with correlated life-history traits.

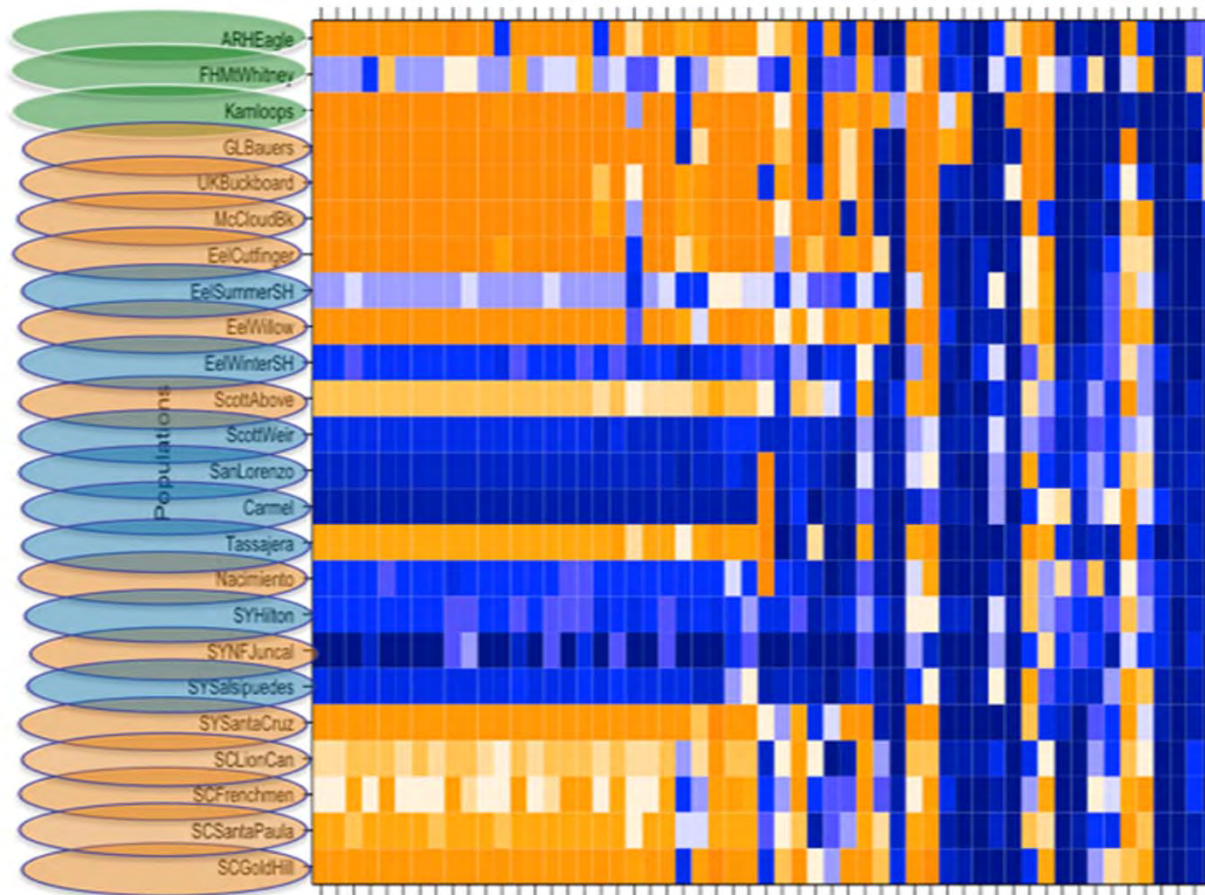
Sliding Window of Fst over omy05



Lein et al. *In Prep*; Campbell et al. *In Prep*.

# Genomic basis of anadromy

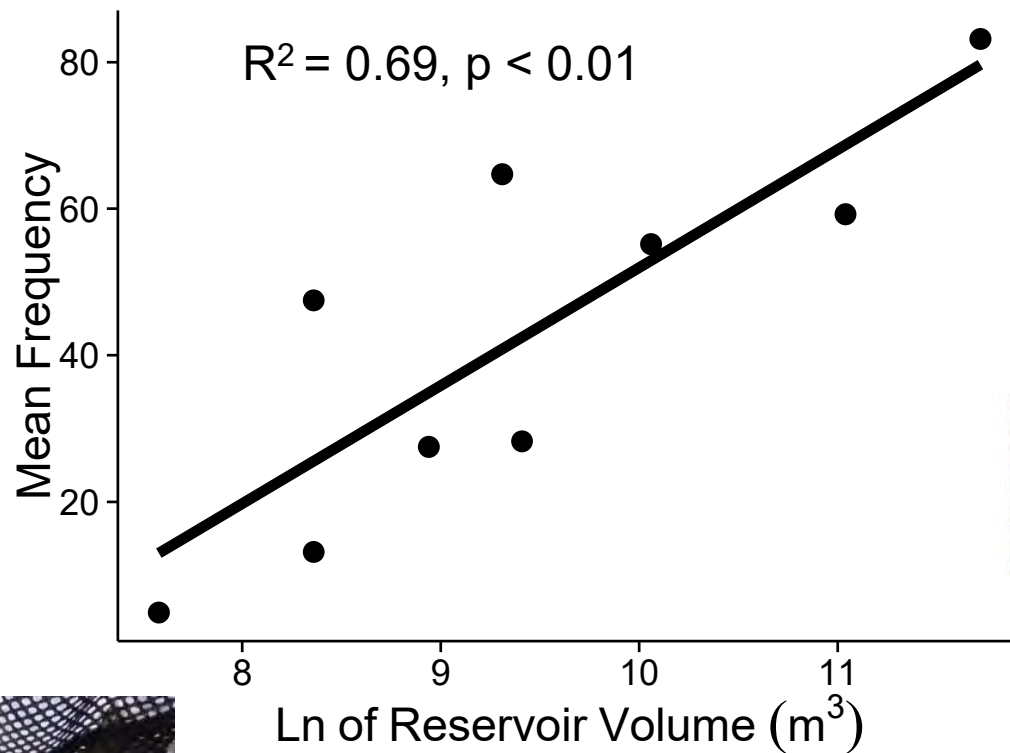
Rapid, repeated, parallel evolution of residency associated with the large Migration Associated Region (*MAR*) on chromosome Omy5.



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

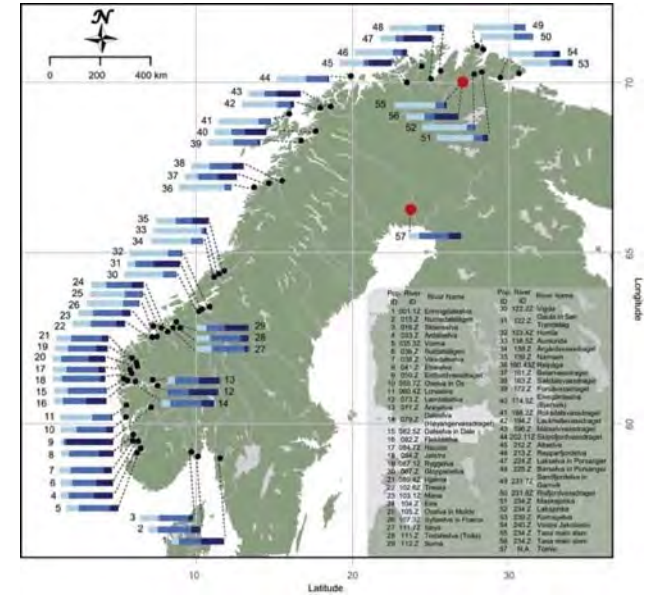
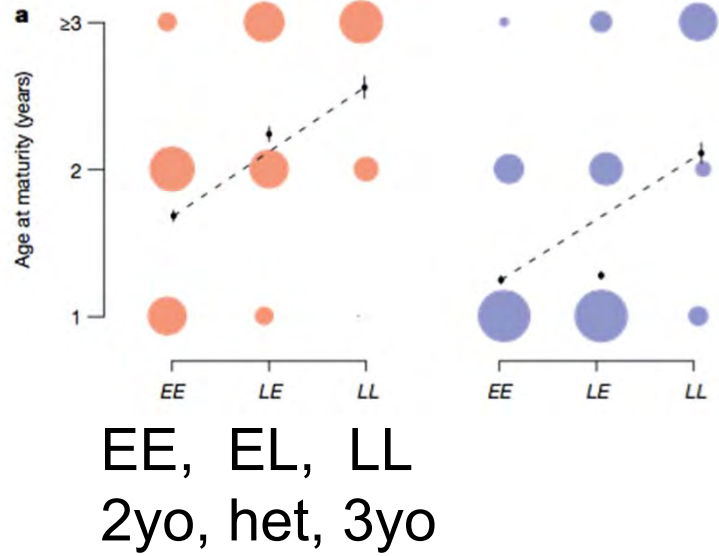
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>Omy5 MAR also associated with adfluvial populations above reservoirs.

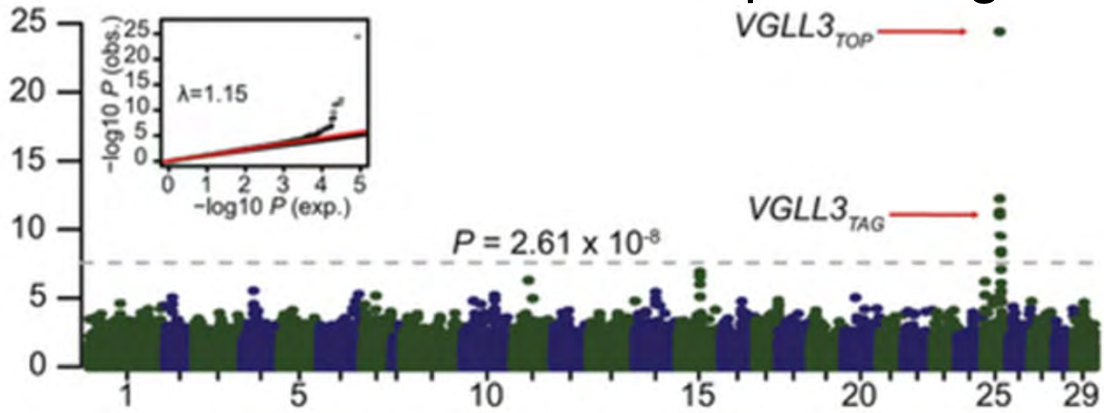


Leitwein et al. 2016,  
*Evolutionary Applications*

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



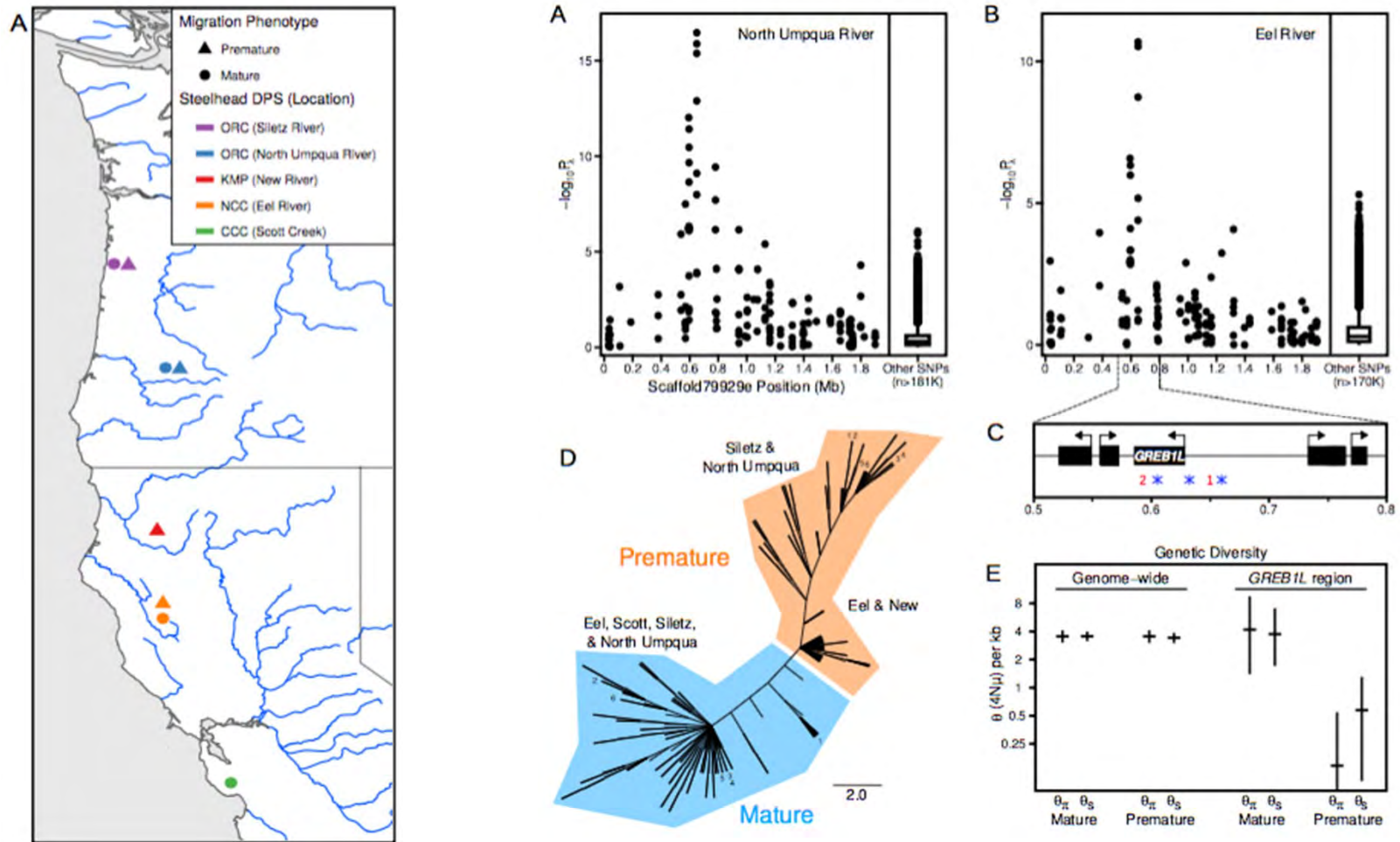
VGLL3 is associated with lipid storage and age of puberty in humans.



- >Sex-dependent dominance reversal.
- >Explains 39% of variance.

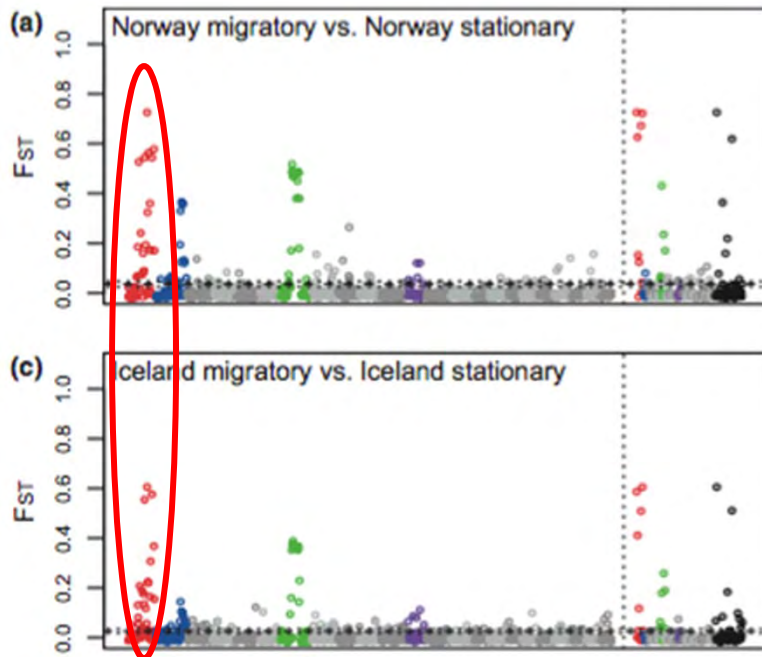
Barson et al. 2015

# Premature vs. Mature Run-Timing in Steelhead:

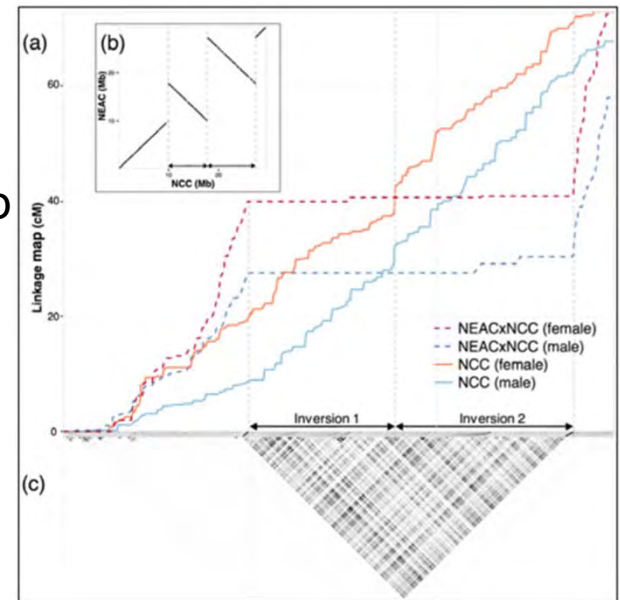


Prince et al., In Review

# Genomic divergence in coastal and migratory Cod:

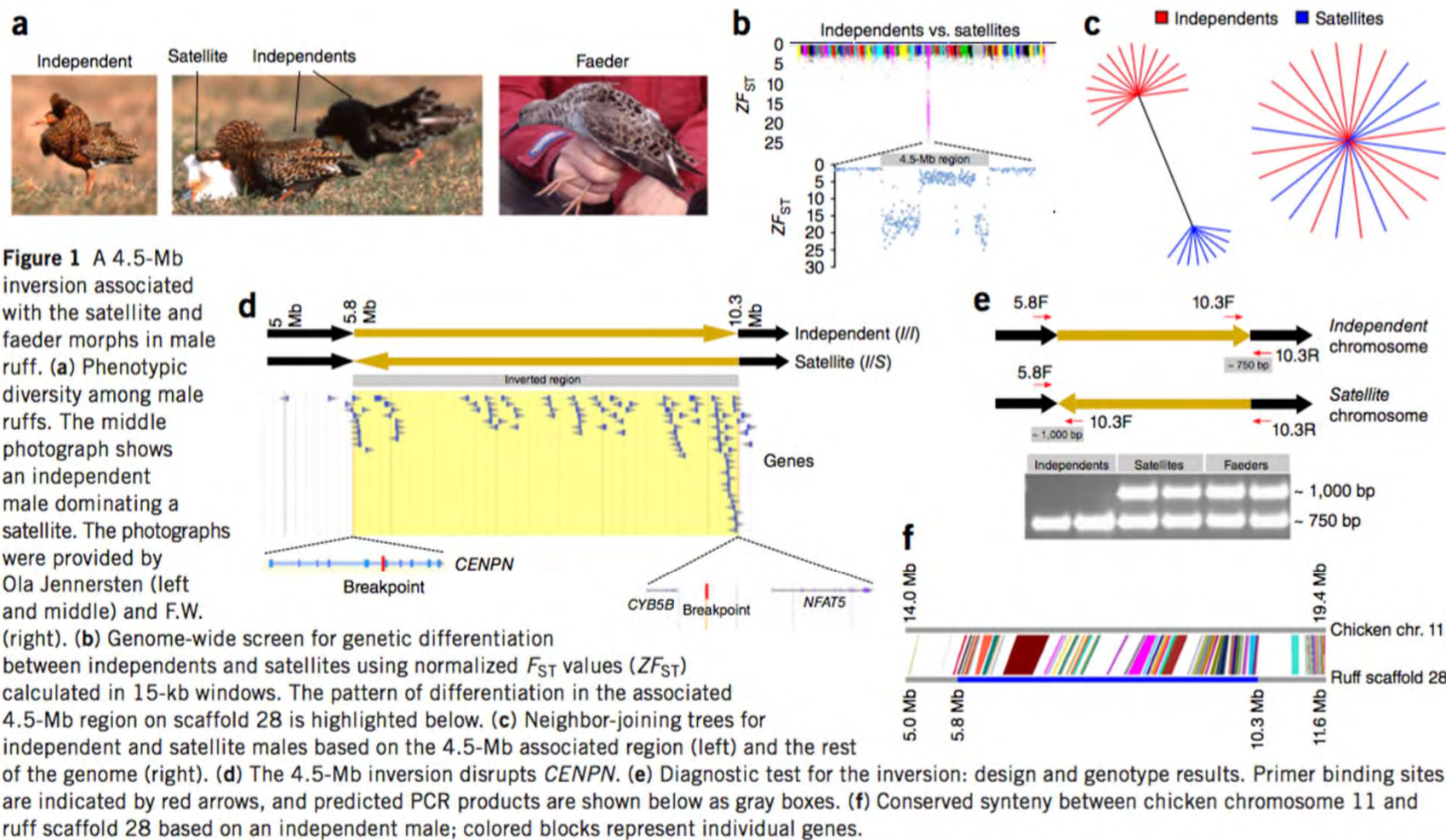


>10,000 SNP loci  
 -LG1=29,521,491 bp  
 -1,262 genes



Hemmer-Hansen et al. 2013; Kirubakaran et al. 2016

# Genomic Basis of Male Mating Morphs in Ruff



Lamichhaney et al. 2016 *Nature Genetics*  
 Kupper et al. 2016 *Nature Genetics*



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# SO, what does all this mean for conservation?

Journal of **FISH**  
**BIOLOGY**



*Journal of Fish Biology* (2016)

doi:10.1111/jfb.13168, available online at [wileyonlinelibrary.com](http://wileyonlinelibrary.com)

## **Saving the spandrels? Adaptive genomic variation in conservation and fisheries management**

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# Saving the Spandrels?

*Proc. R. Soc. Lond. B* 205, 581–598 (1979)

*Printed in Great Britain*

581

The spandrels of San Marco and the Panglossian paradigm:  
a critique of the adaptationist programme

BY S. J. GOULD AND R. C. LEWONTIN

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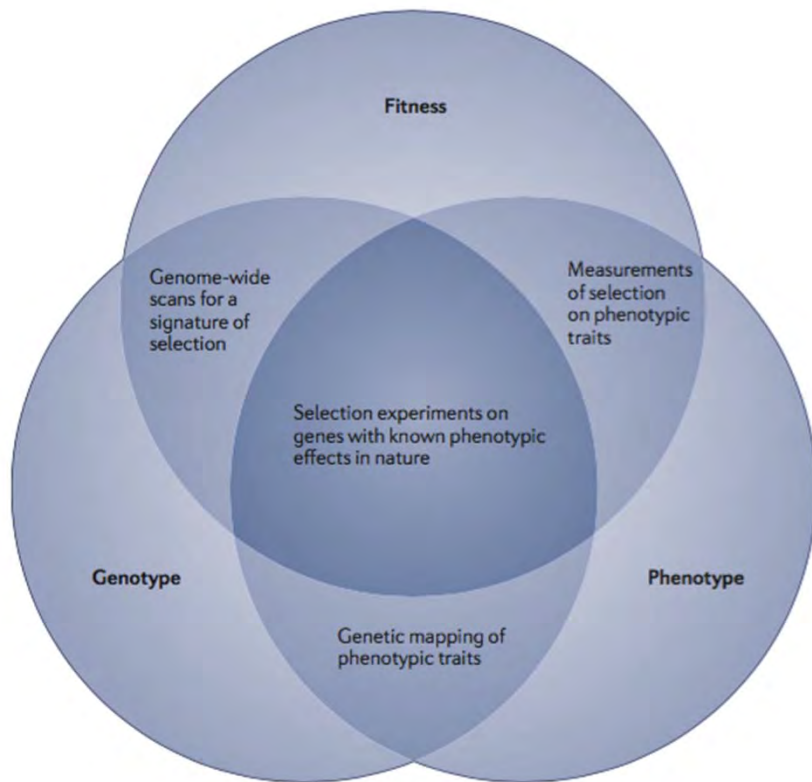


- 1) Don't assume selection.
- 2) Traits are not independent; consider the whole.

# Molecular spandrels: tests of adaptation at the genetic level

Rowan D. H. Barrett and Hopi E. Hoekstra

Nature Reviews Genetics, 2011



Genomics gives us the tools to:

- >Identify adaptive genomic variants.
- >Connect to phenotypes and environmental variables

Stapely et al. 2010, TREE  
Narum & Hess 2011, Mol Ecol Res  
Vincent et al. 2013, Evolution  
Poh et al. 2014, Plos One;  
Springer et al. 2016, BioRxiv

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# Applied Conservation Genomics & Management:

How should we incorporate Adaptive Genomic Variation into steelhead conservation management?

“all naturally spawned **anadromous** *O. mykiss* (steelhead) populations **below** natural and manmade impassable barriers”

NMFS 2006



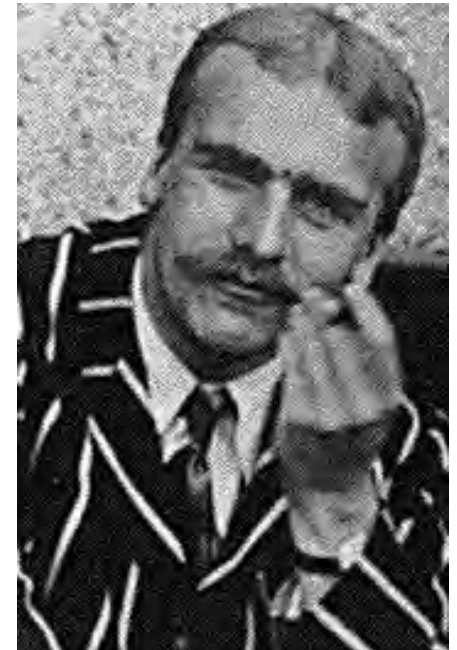
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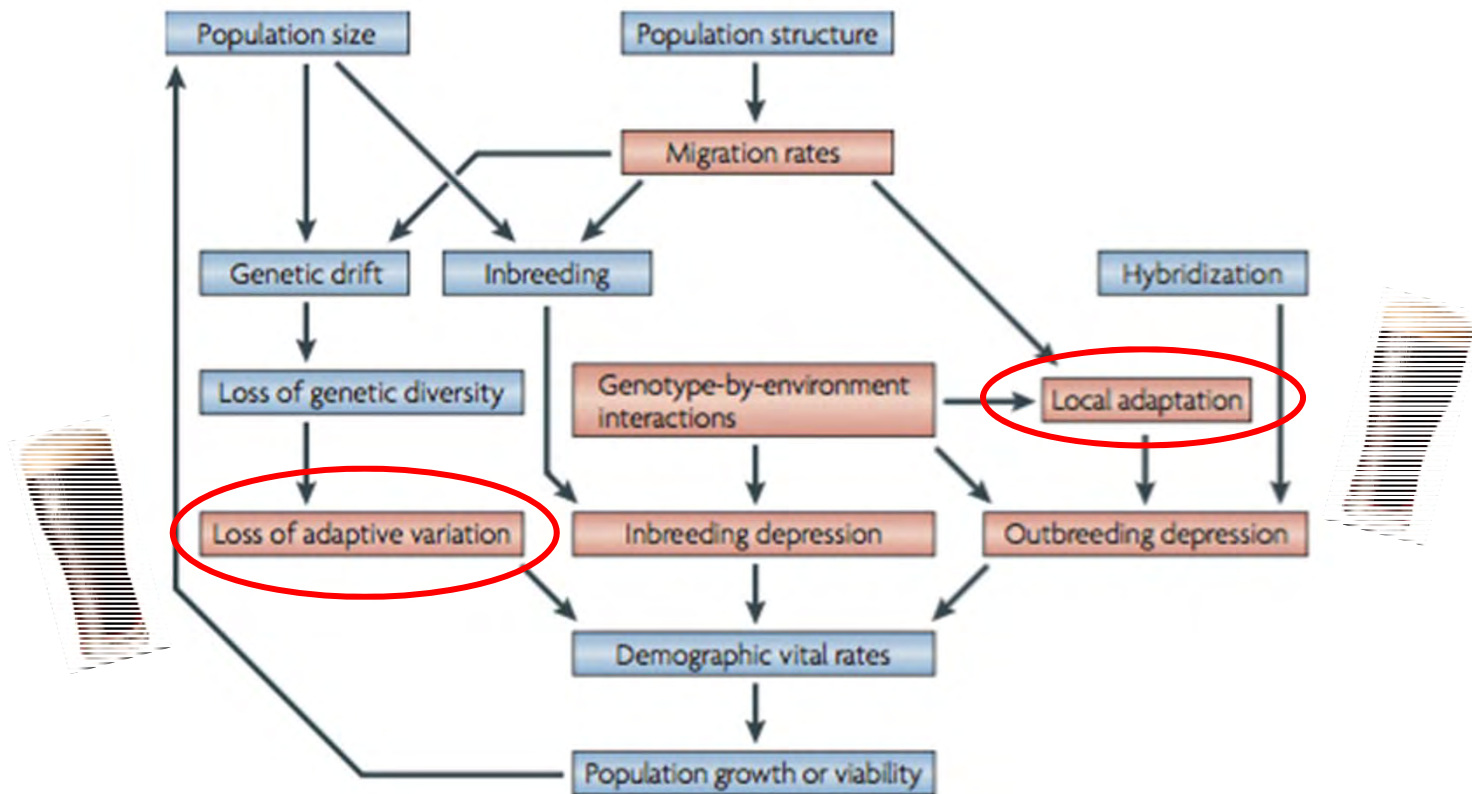
>We can now detect adaptive genomic variation, but the existence of such variation has long been recognized (J. B. S. Haldane, 1932).

>Ecotypic 'proxies' for phenotypes with unknown AGV (e.g. run-timing) have been incorporated into conservation plans.  
(Dizon et al. 1992; Waples 2006)



*Practical considerations for AGV in evolutionary conservation and management:*

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



Allendorf et al. 2010, Nature Reviews Genetics

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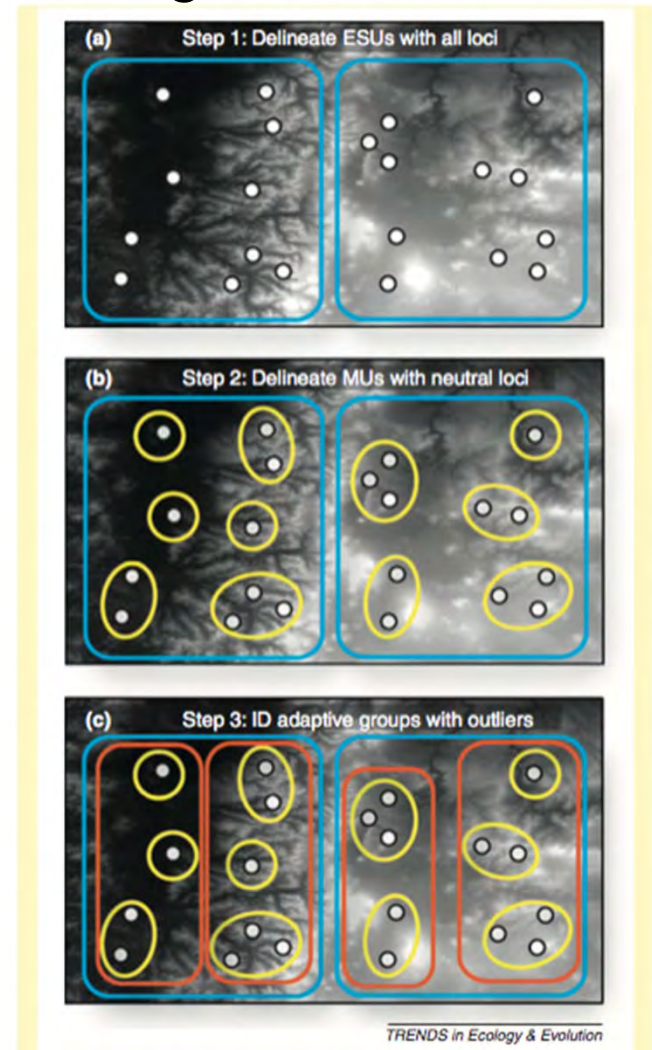
**Good news!**

- >This means that for the most part we are already doing what we need to do from an evolutionary genetic perspective to protect genetic diversity.
- >Continued action is needed.  
(better tools serve to improve efficiency)
- >Protection of ancestral diversity plus recognition of ecotypic variants, regardless of underlying AGV.

# *Practical considerations for AGV in evolutionary conservation and management:*

## Conservation unit delineation

- > Follows from existing ESA listing process.
- > Additional potential levels for Management Unit designations and Adaptive Groups.
- > Identify source populations for re-introductions.  
(He et al. 2016 *Con Bio*; Pearse 2016)



Funk et al. 2012, *TREE*



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*Practical considerations for AGV in  
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## **Technical Limitations**

False Positives and Negatives.

-Polygenic traits, Pleiotropy, Epistasis,  
Penetrance

-Bias in detecting strong signals.

-Will not capture all AGV.

>AGV associated with unclear phenotypes?

*Practical considerations for AGV in  
evolutionary conservation and management:*

**Levels of management: population vs. individual effects**

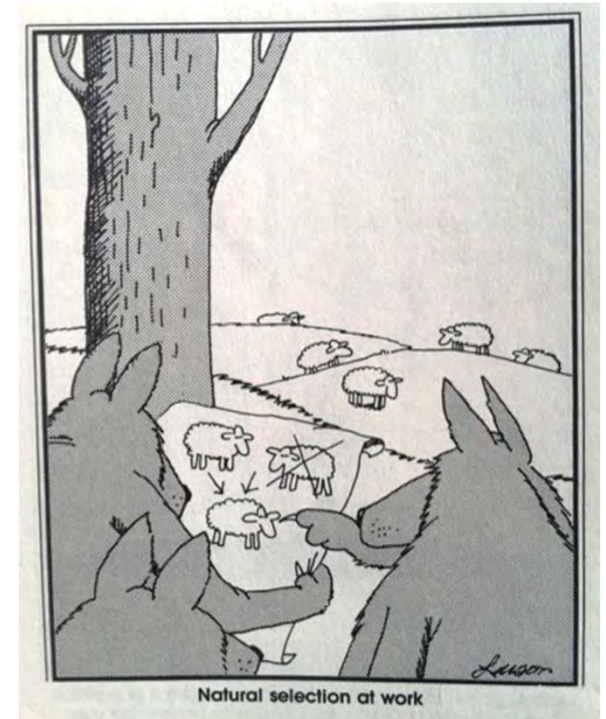
>Unit of concern for conservation is population, not individual.  
-In contrast, medical genomics is individual-based.

>Marker-Assisted Selection in conservation?  
-Hatchery broodstock selection?

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

-Widely used for livestock and crops.

**-Released animals must be fit in the environment.**



# Adaptive variation reflects ecological conditions: Not vice versa.

>Relative reproductive success of alternative individuals.

>Balance of selection.

>Non-equilibrium populations.

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

>Dynamic equilibrium!

*since*  
1920

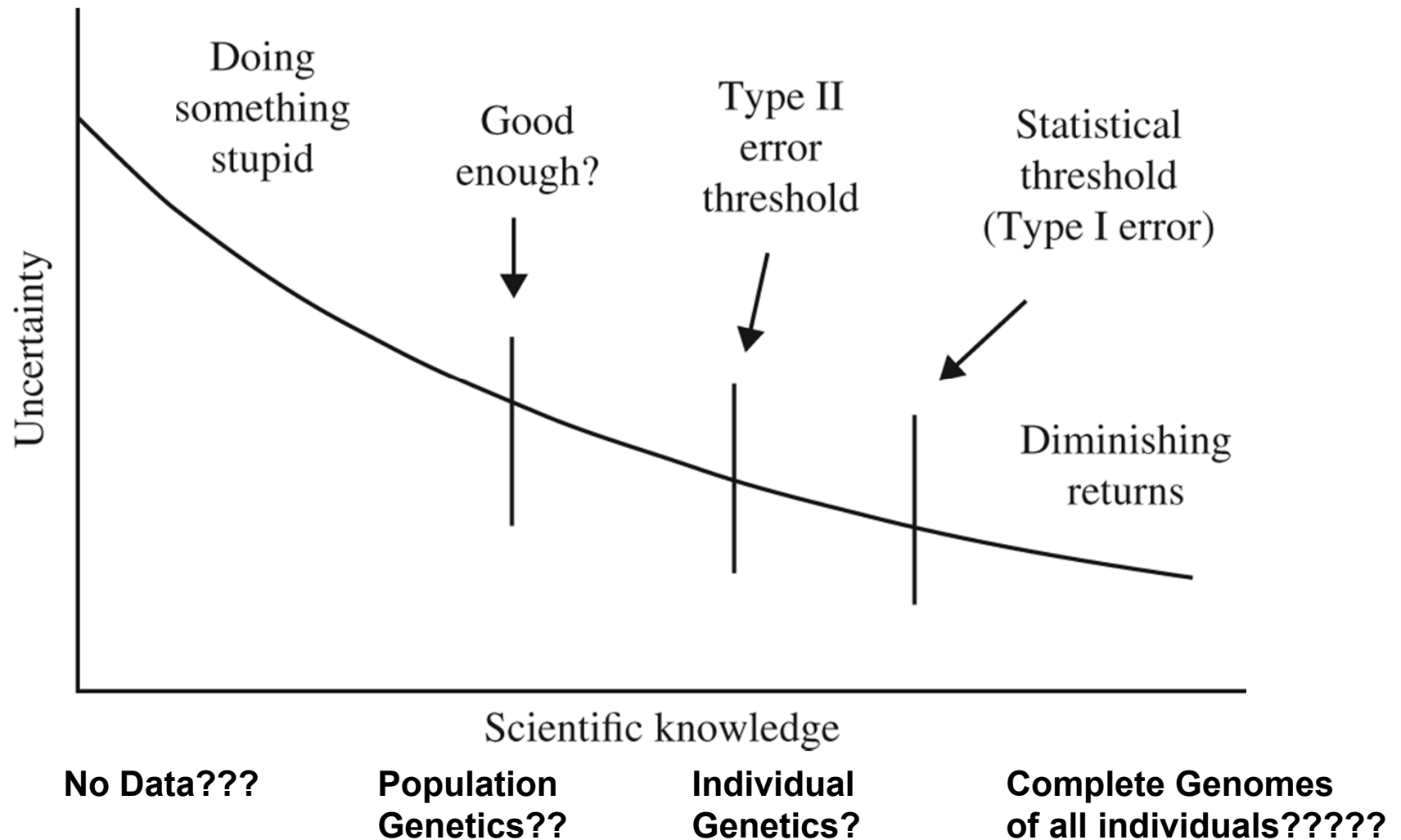
Carmel River



*today*  
2016



## Conservation genomics: coming to a salmonid near you?



Piccolo 2016; Journal of Fish Biology

11 OCT 2016 DOI: 10.1111/jfb.13172

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jfb.13172/full#jfb13172-fig-0001>

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## Conclusions

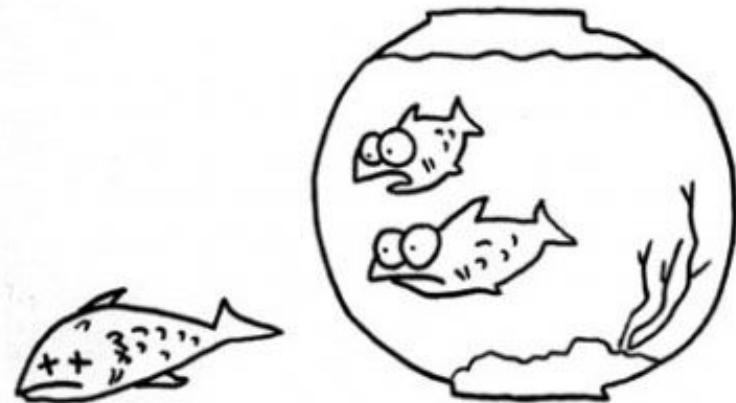
- Adaptive genomic variation can be targeted for conservation.  
*Evaluate diversity using neutral and adaptive loci.*
- Even genes of major effect are probabilistic indicators of individual phenotype, and can't capture the full extent of phenotypic variation related to fitness.  
(Major exception; immune system genes)
- Focus on *evolutionary processes* that promote diversity. This is consistent with 'evolutionarily enlightened management' or 'prescriptive evolution'  
(Ashley *et al.*, 2003; Smith *et al.*, 2014; Pearse 2016).

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# Thank you!

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I thank F Allendorf, D Baetscher, M Capelli, K Naish, T Quinn, K Ruegg, and R Waples for commenting on the manuscript that led to this presentation.



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



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# Steelhead diversity and resilience around the Pacific Rim



## SRF Steelhead Summit

October 27, 2016

Dr. Matthew Sloat, Director of Science, Wild Salmon Center

A satellite-style map of the Pacific Northwest and Alaska, showing land in green and brown and water in blue. Overlaid on the map are various colored regions (yellow, green, blue) representing different salmon habitats or management zones. The text 'Wild Salmon Center' is overlaid in white on the map.

## Wild Salmon Center

- promote the conservation and sustainable use of wild salmon ecosystems across the Pacific Rim.
- identify science-based solutions to sustain wild salmonids and the human communities and livelihoods that depend on them.





## Stronghold Approach

- Proactive: focus on last best salmon ecosystems *before* they are degraded.

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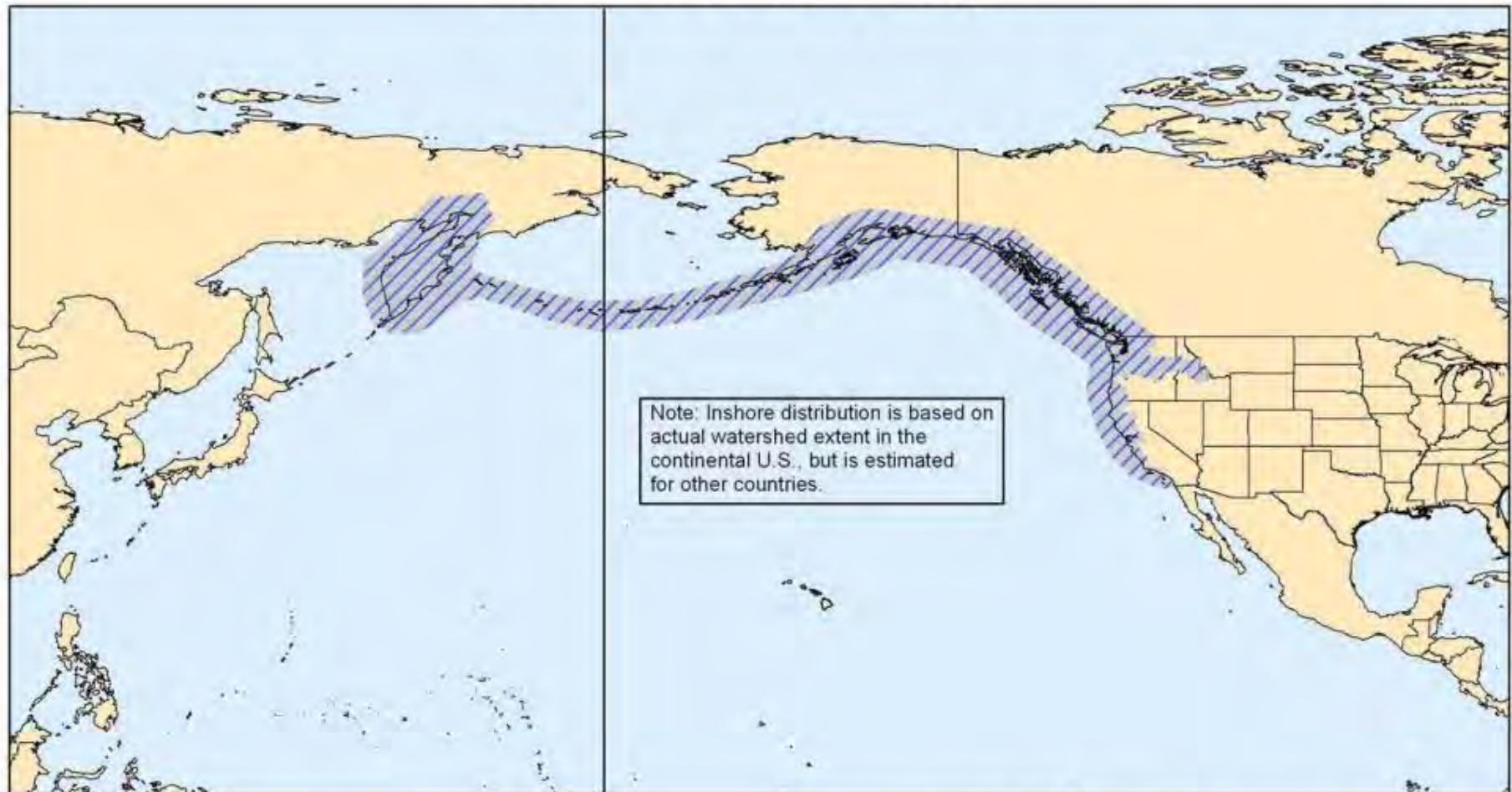


## Wild Salmon Center Science

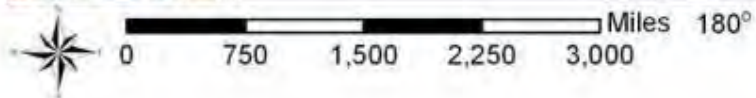
- Anticipate coming challenges and prioritize conservation efforts that will support salmon in the future.
- Understand features of watersheds and populations that promote resiliency.
- Connect salmon scientists across geographies.

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# Steelhead Trout Range



Note: Inshore distribution is based on actual watershed extent in the continental U.S., but is estimated for other countries.



Map represents approximate range of ocean-migrating form of species. Offshore distances are approximate.

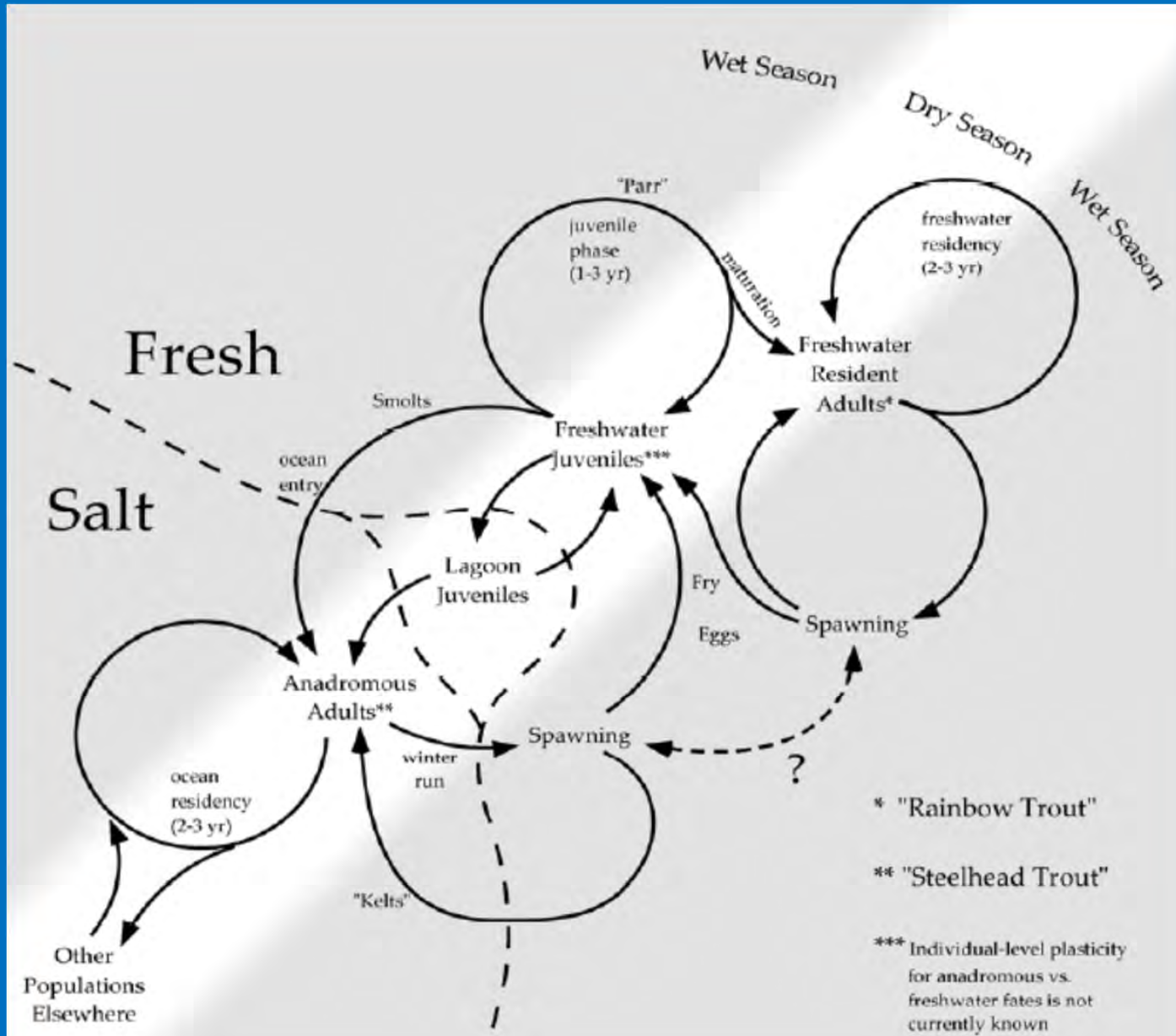
NMFS, Office of Protected Resources  
December 2007

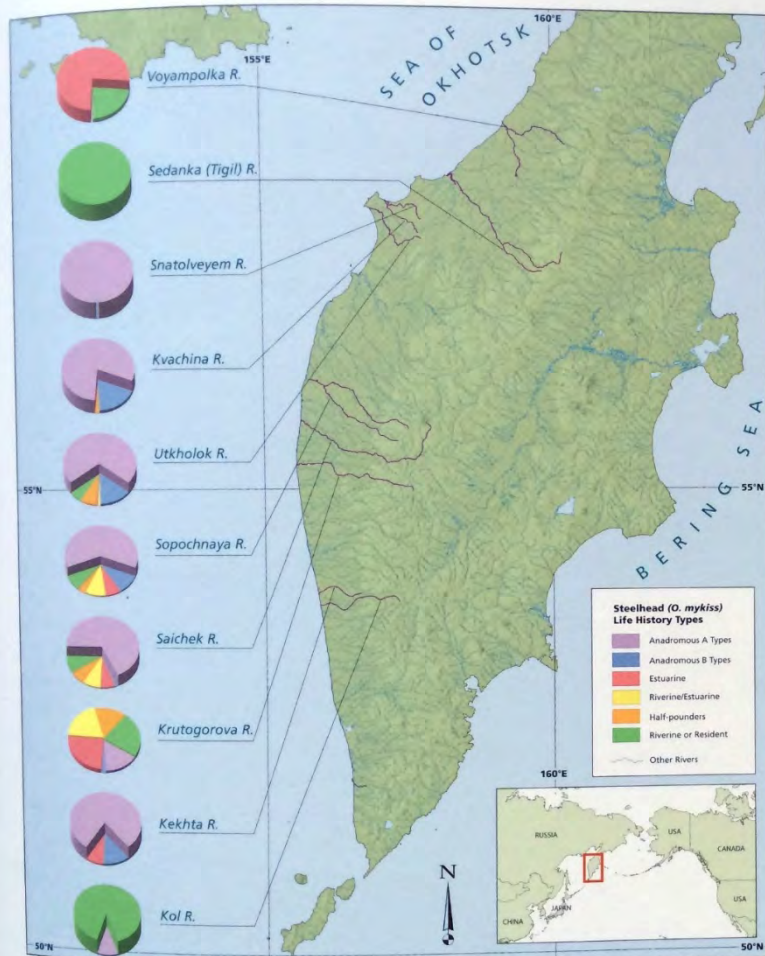


# Steelhead are Resilient!



# The Steelhead/Rainbow Trout Life Cycle





**KAMCHATKA RAINBOW-STEELHEAD LIFE HISTORIES** The rivers along the Kamchatka peninsula feature rich life history diversity within the genus *Oncorhynchus*, particularly within *O. mykiss*. Water temperature, channel morphology, as well as riverbed composition (e.g., volcanic or tundra) may contribute to the differences in life history types from river to river, ranging from the Kol in the south, where *mykiss* are largely resident, to the Snatolveyem in the north, where nearly all are anadromous steelhead. Russian scientists are the first to document this degree of life history variation within one species of *Oncorhynchus*.

**ONCORHYNCHUS MYKISS (PARASALMO MYKISS)**

Siblings from the same redd may later exhibit six distinct life history types, from resident (rainbow) to anadromous (steelhead).

Riverine/Estuarine  
1.3 kg (0.4–2.5 kg range)



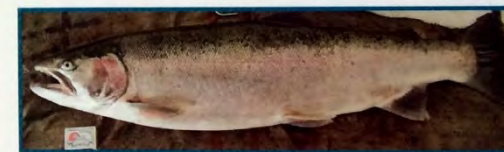
Estuarine, which may grow to around 90 cm.  
2.1 kg (0.6–3.2 kg range)



Anadromous A migrate directly to the ocean, where they spend several years.  
5.7 kg (2.5–10.5 kg range)



Anadromous B spend a summer at sea, return to freshwater for overwintering, and migrate back to the ocean for several years.  
4.9 kg (1.0–9.3 kg range)



Anadromous B—half-pounders, immature entering migration.  
0.2 kg (0.1–0.31 kg range)



Riverine or resident, which may be as small as 35 cm as a mature adult. This particular rainbow trout was photographed on the Shantar Islands.  
1.4 kg (0.4–2.7 kg range)



# Key steelhead traits

- Anadromy and residency.
- Age structured life histories.
- Fine-scale temporal/spatial patterns.



# Anadromy and residency

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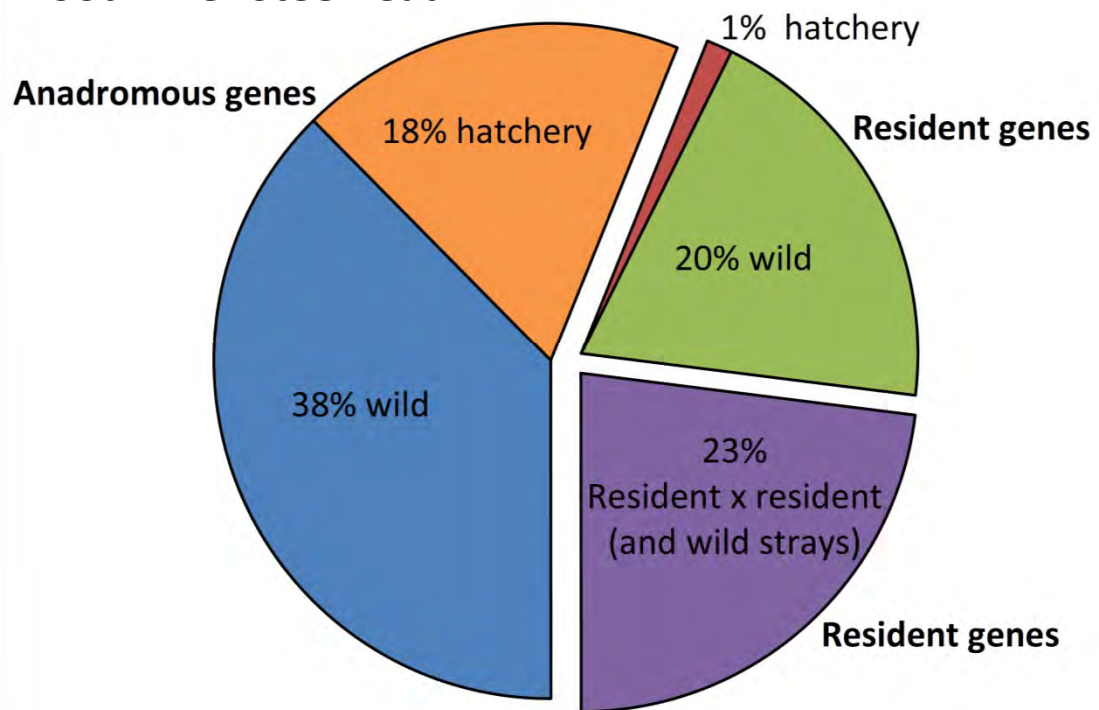


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## Hood River Steelhead



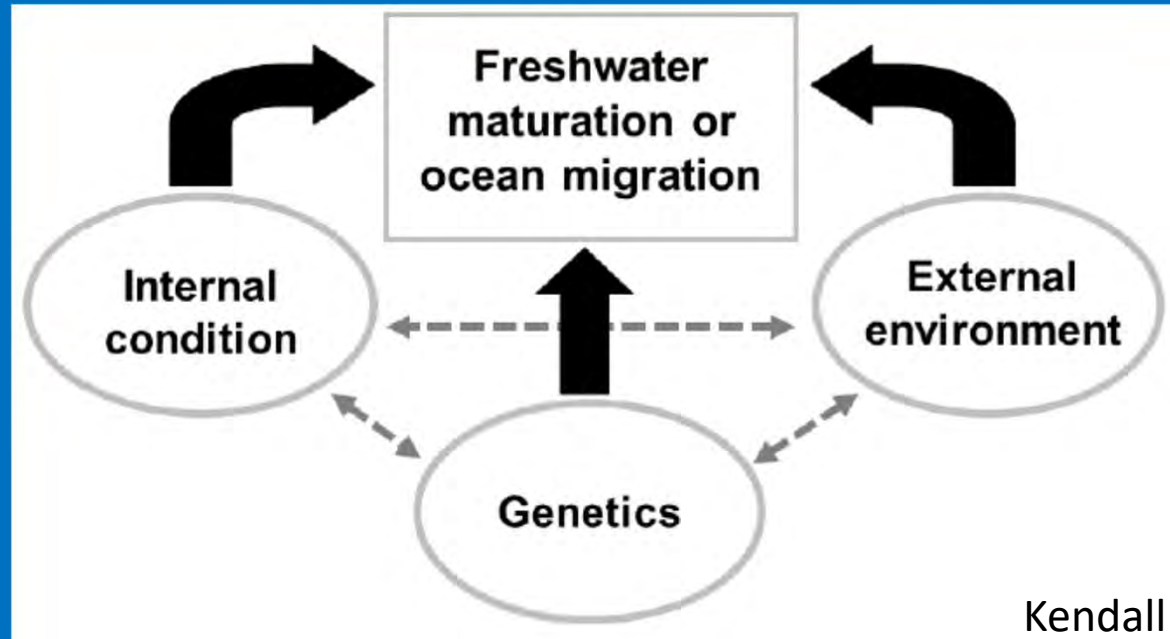
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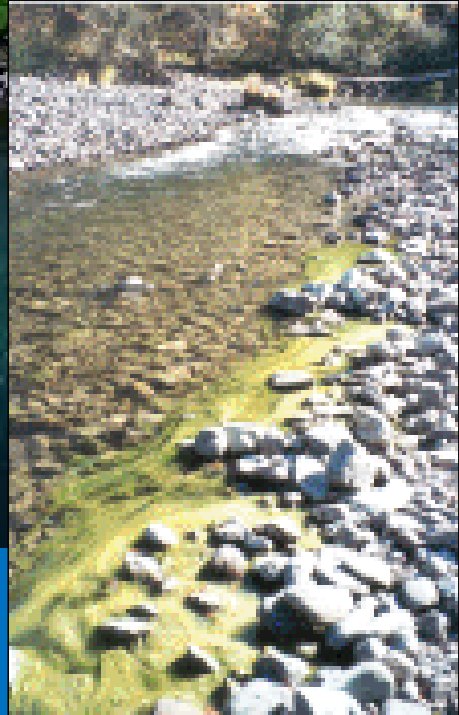


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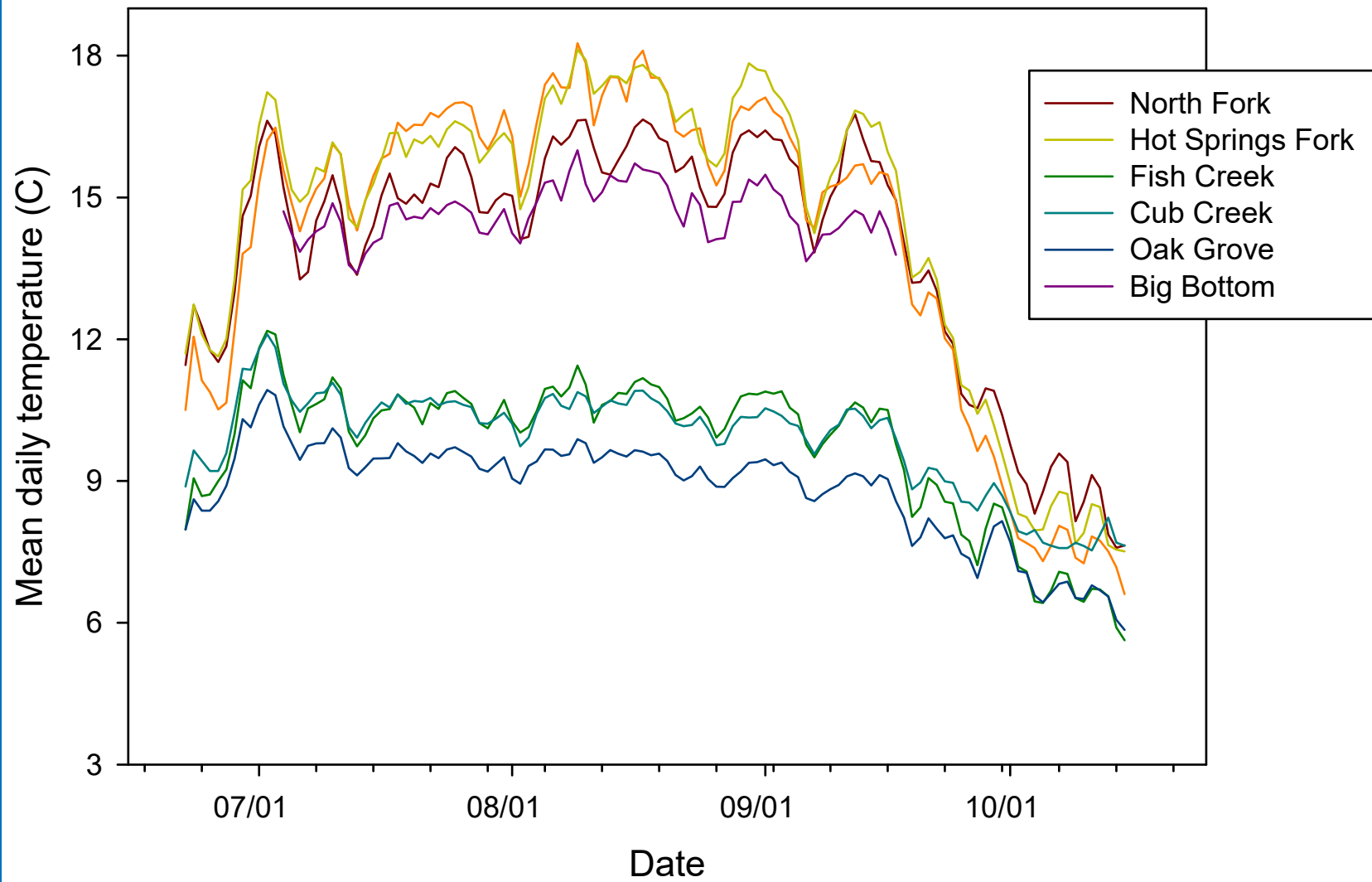


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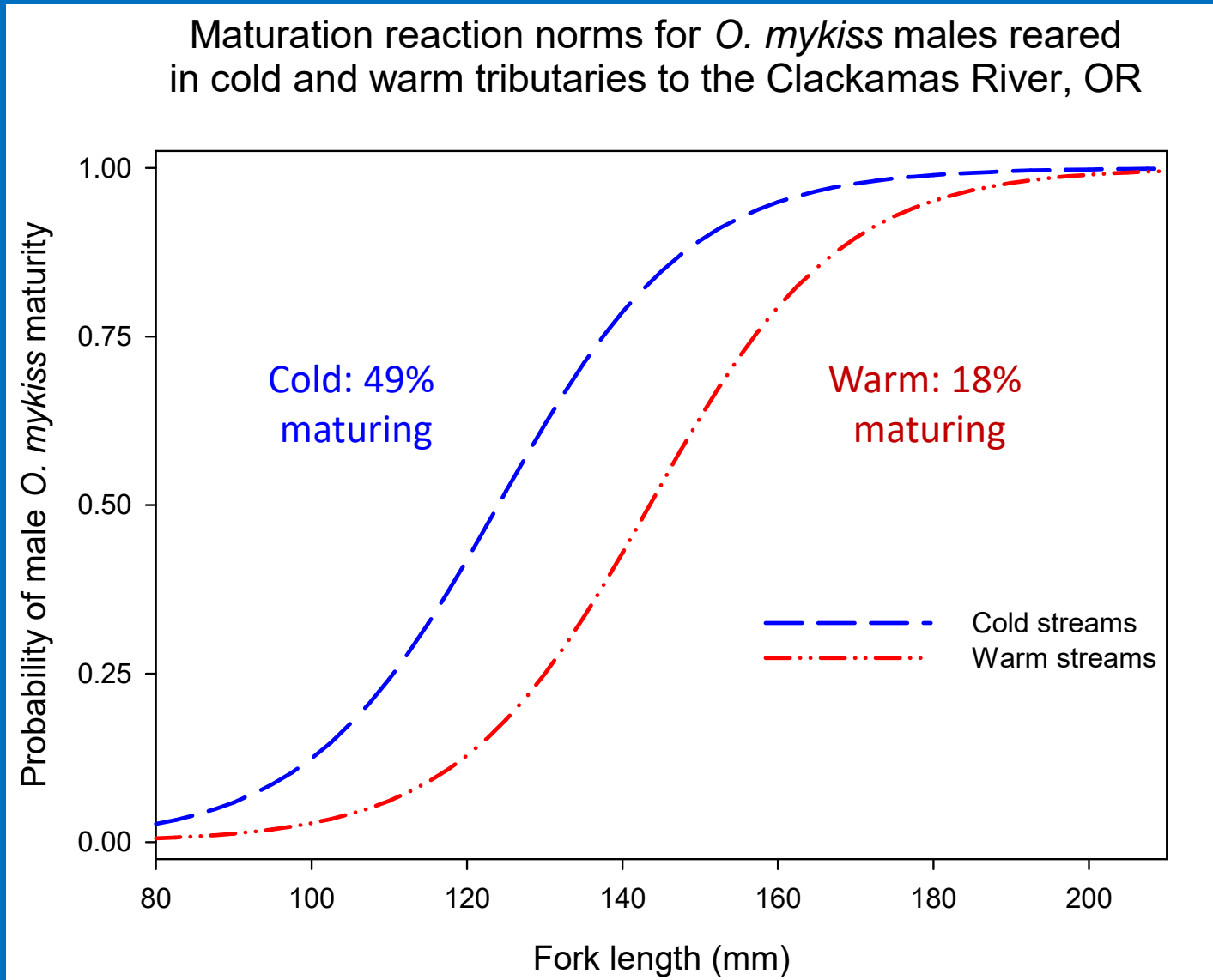
# Basin-scale habitat heterogeneity and *O. mykiss* anadromy/residency



# Clackamas Stream Temperatures

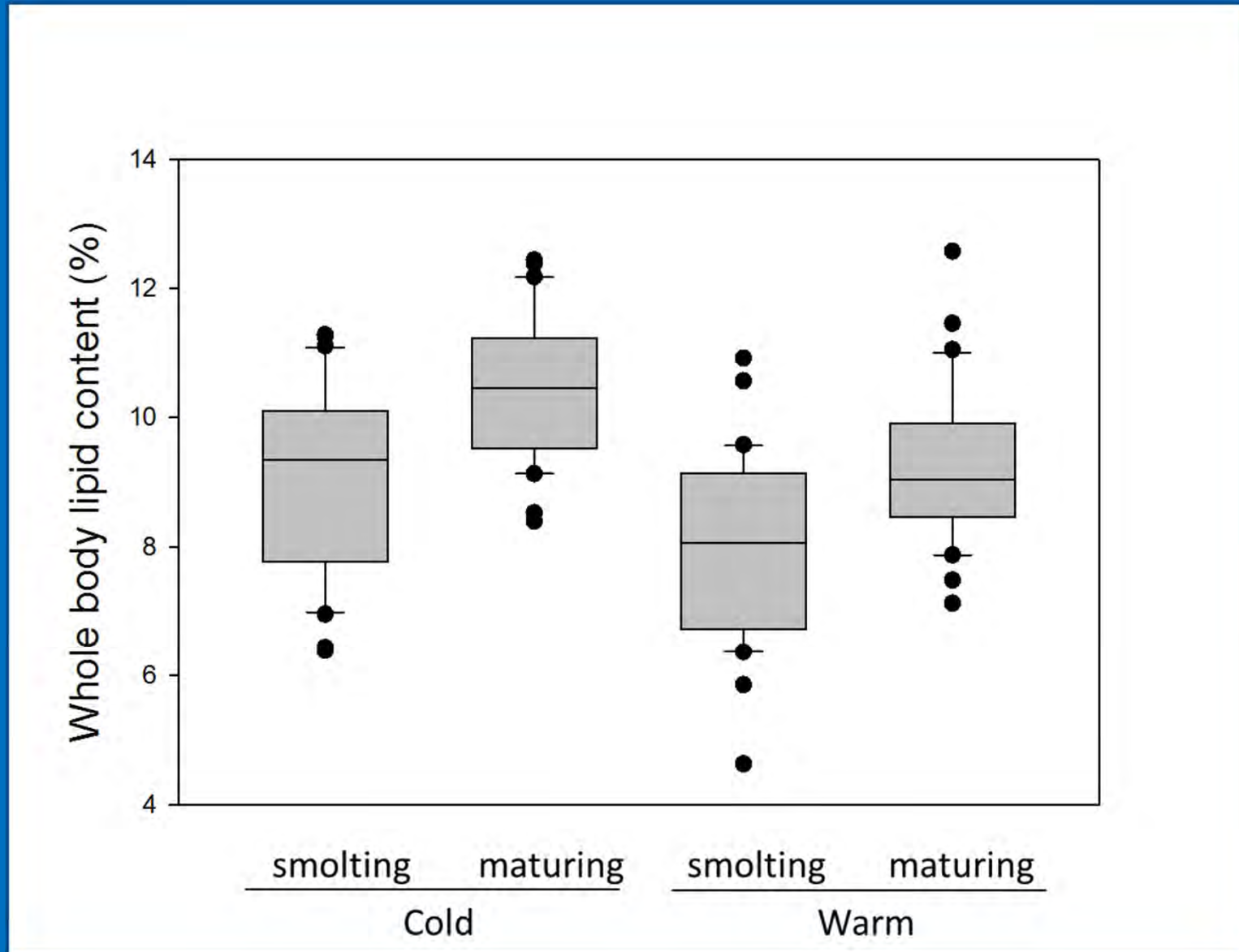


# Temperature changes body size thresholds for *O. mykiss* maturation: Clackamas River



Sloat and Reeves. In Prep.

# Is fat where it's at?



Sloat and Reeves 2014. CJFAS

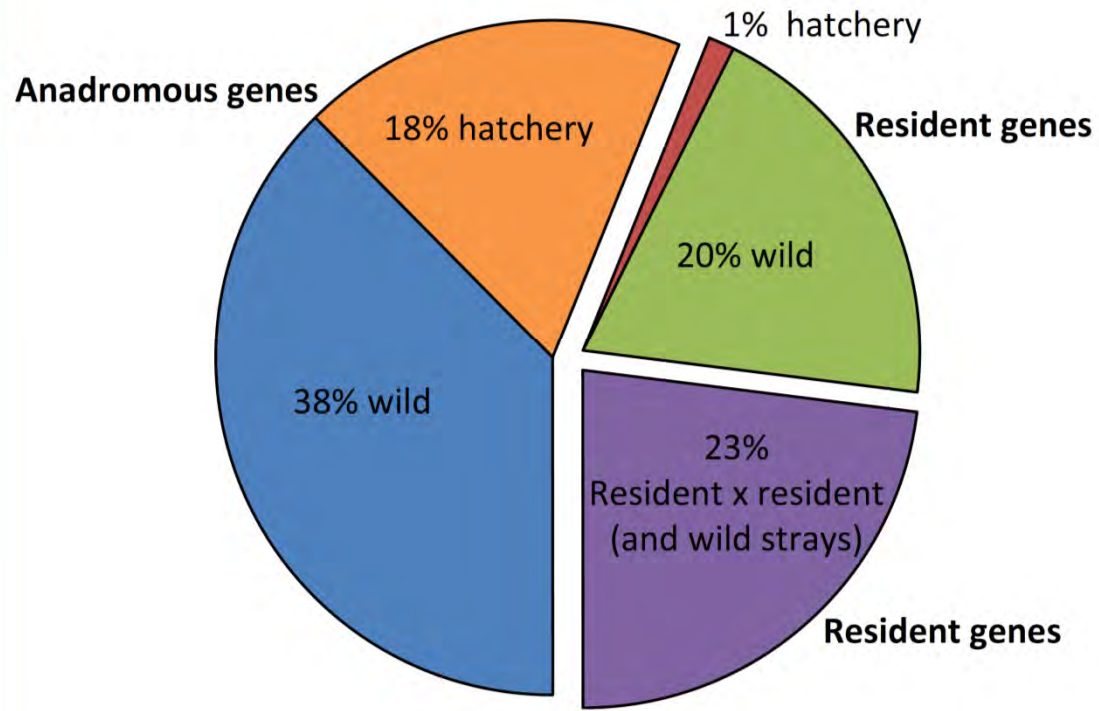




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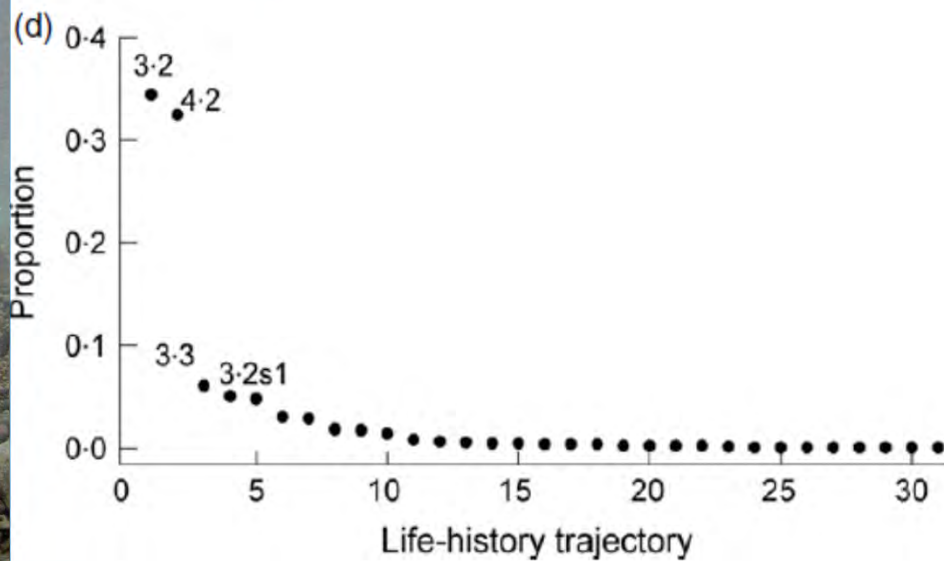
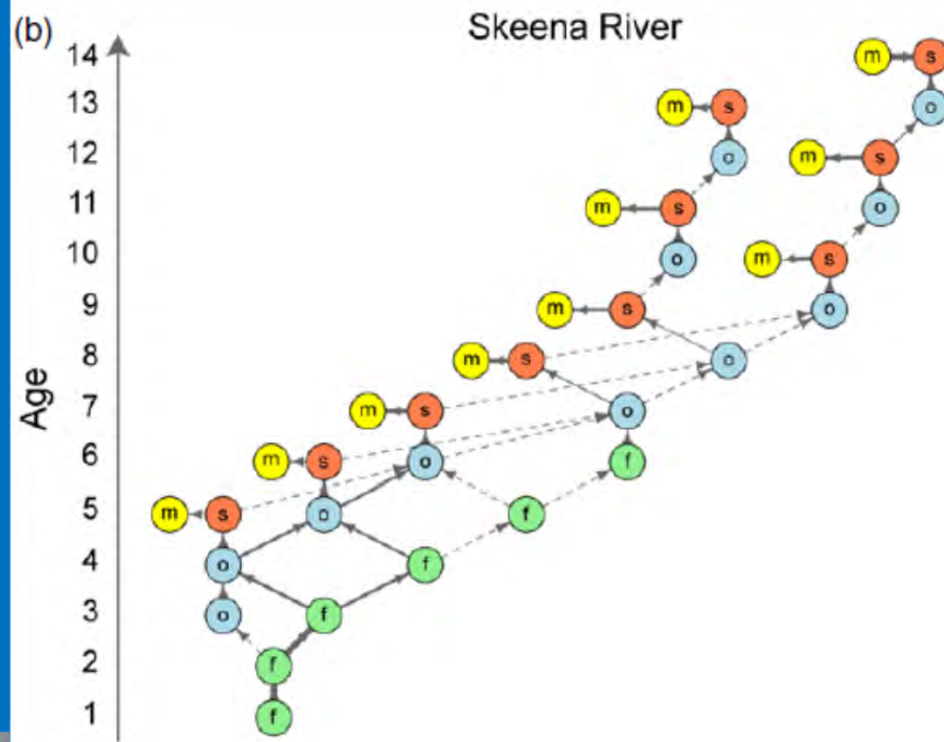
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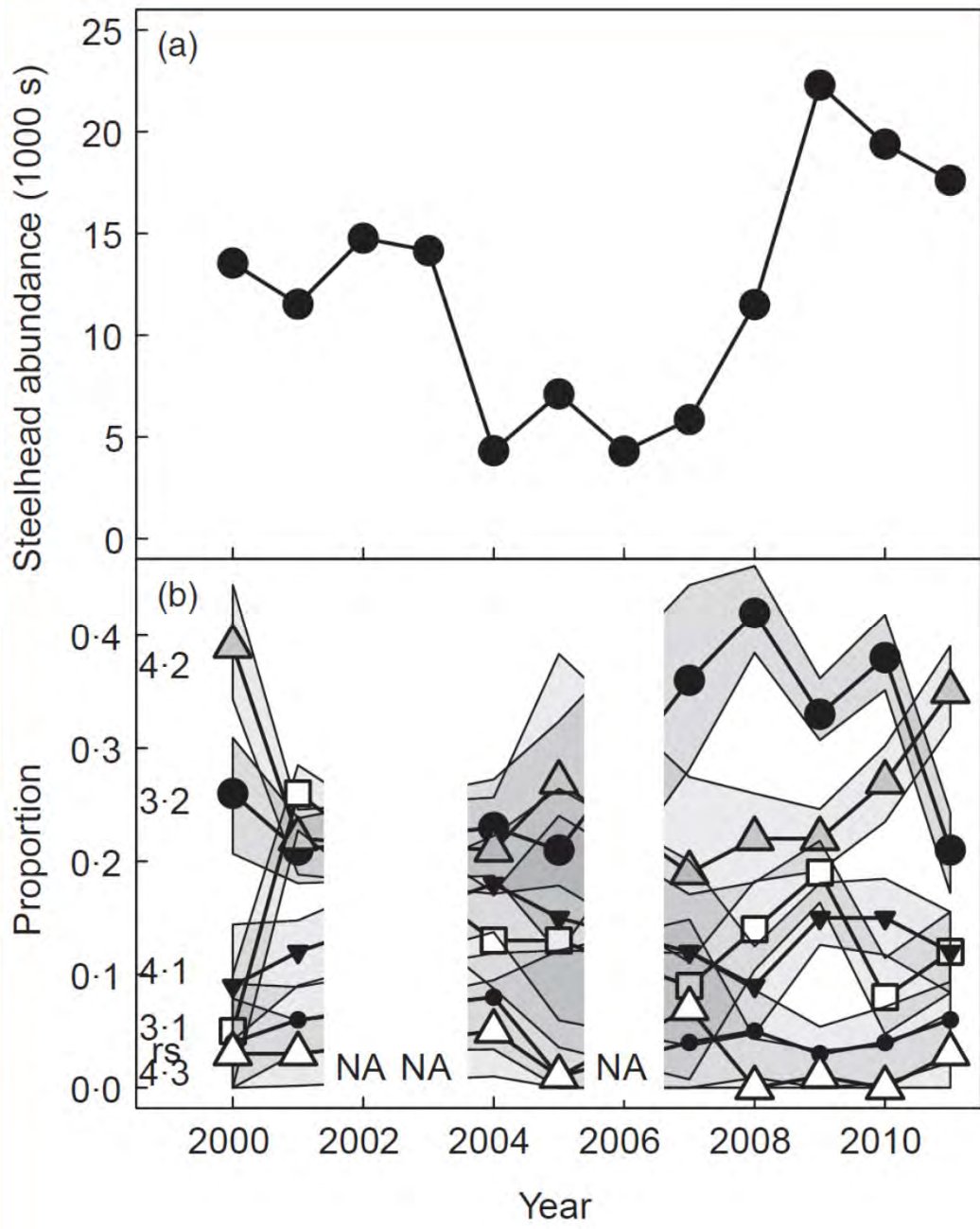


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# Age-structured Life Histories

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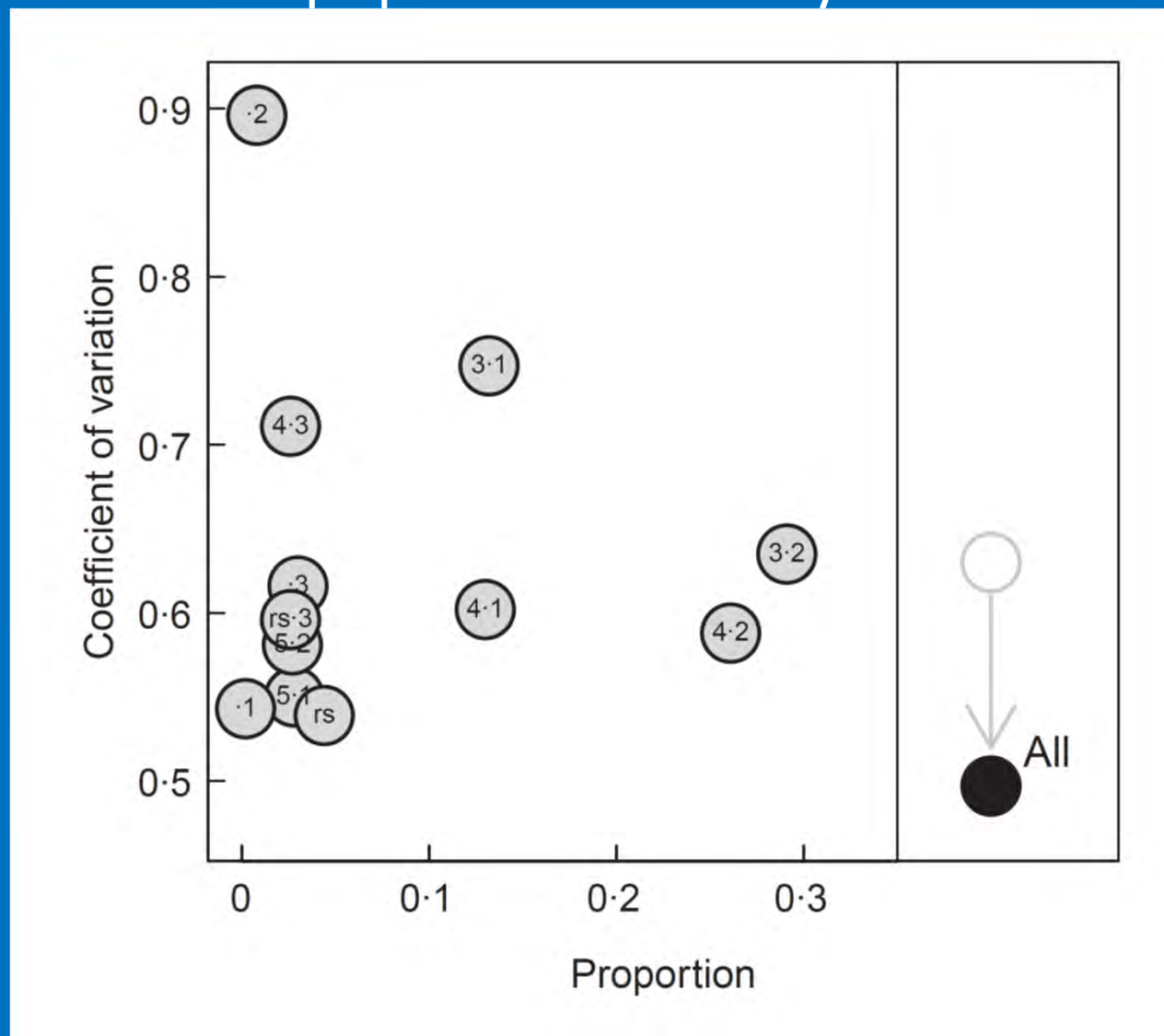
Steelhead populations are comprised of life history classes with asynchronous variation in relative abundance over time

Moore et al. 2014. J. App. Ecol.



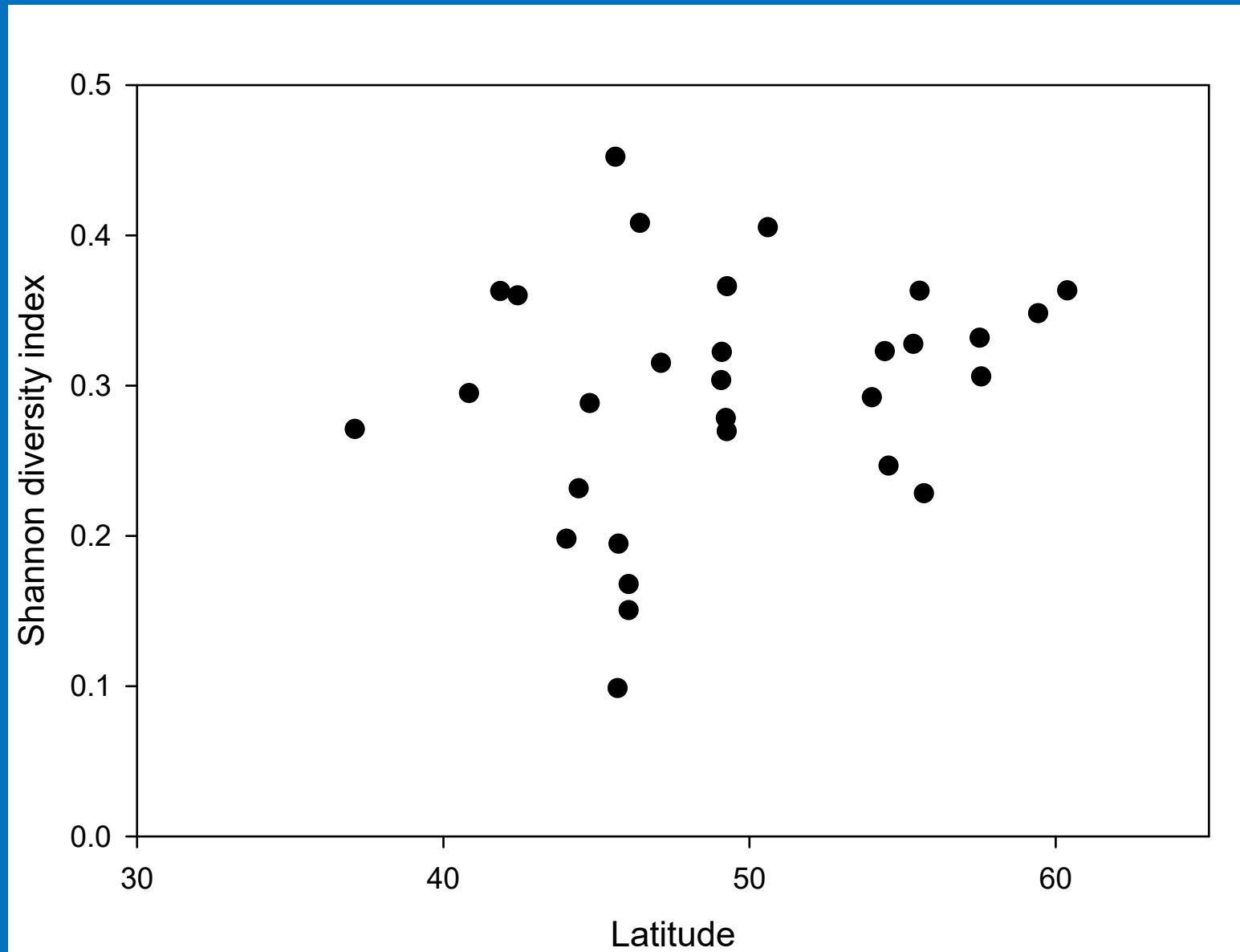
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# Asynchrony in life history components increases population stability

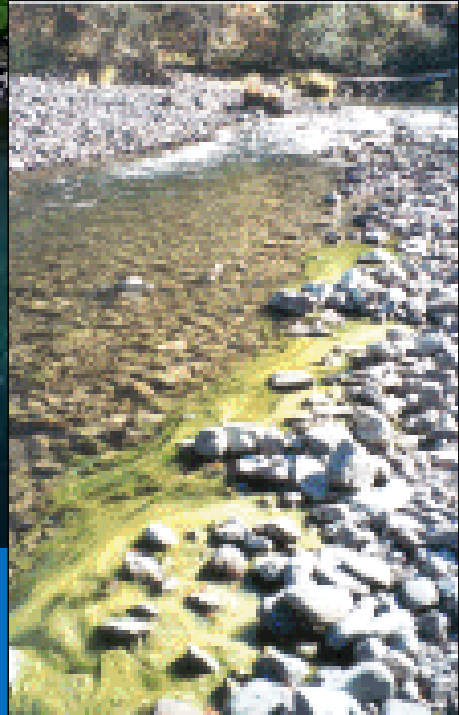


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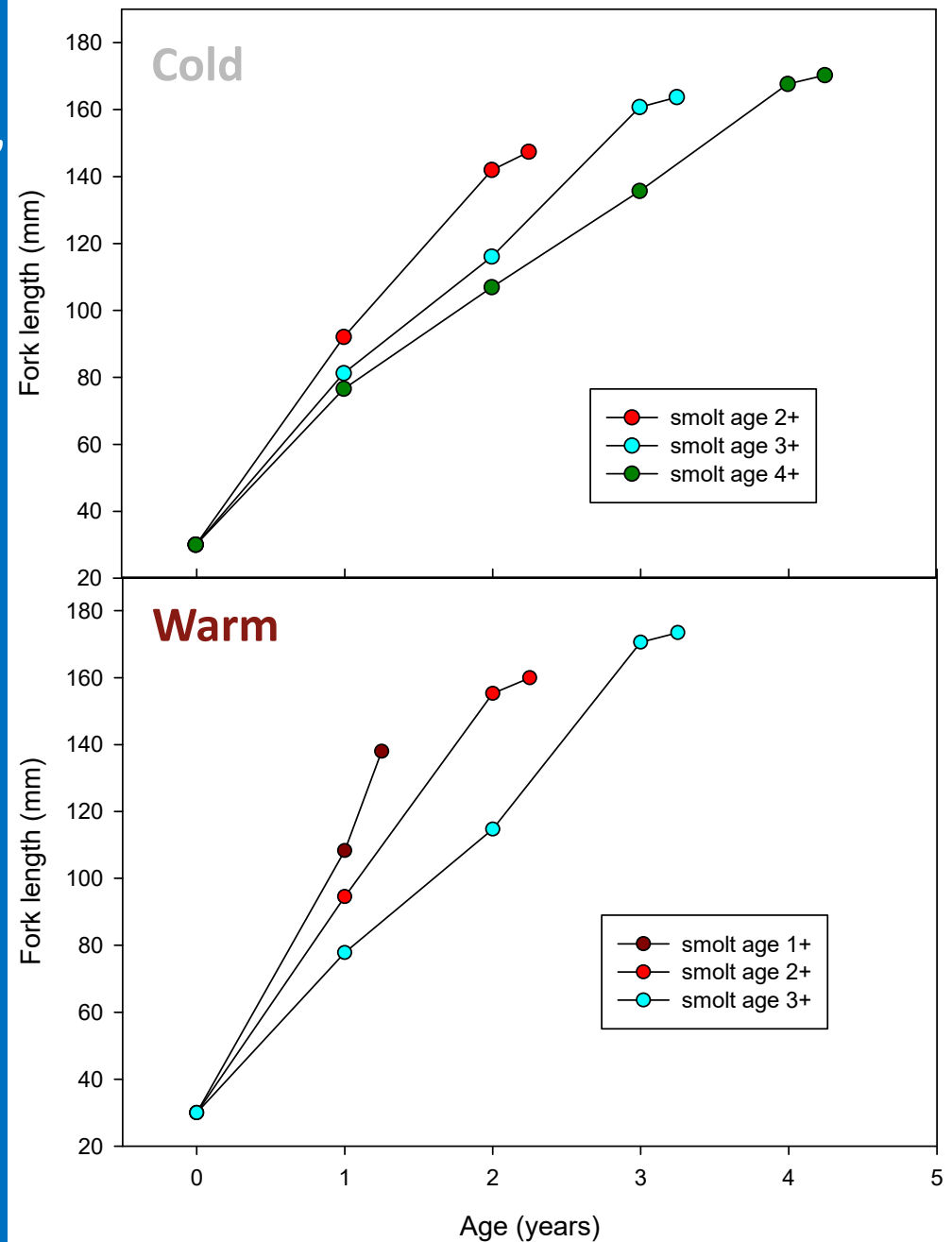
# Basin-scale Smolt Age Diversity



# Basin-scale habitat heterogeneity and *O. mykiss* life history



# Clackamas basin thermal heterogeneity, fish growth, and smolt age

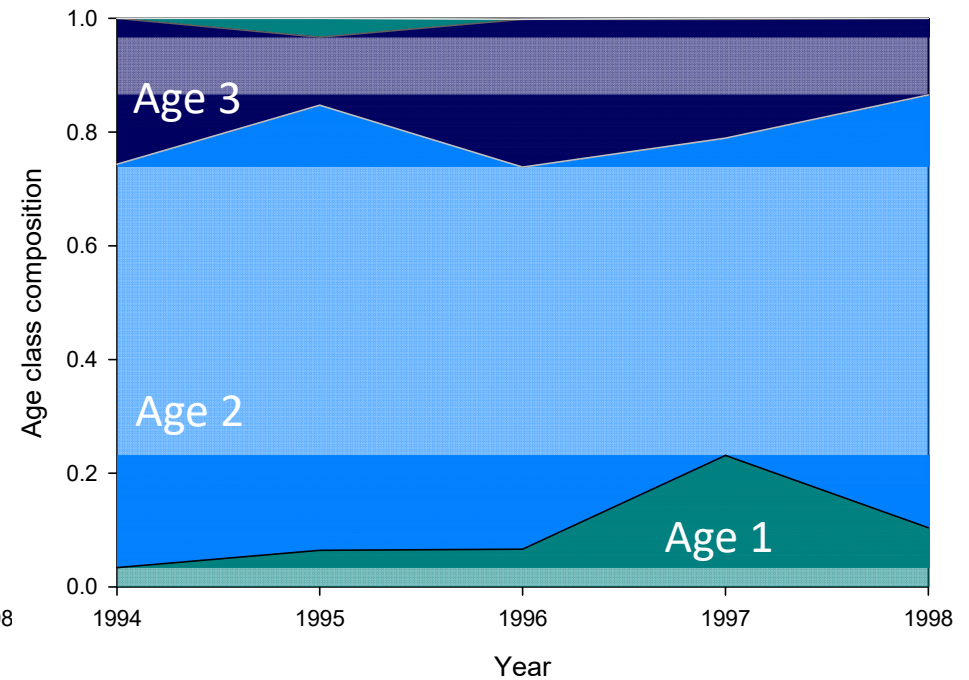
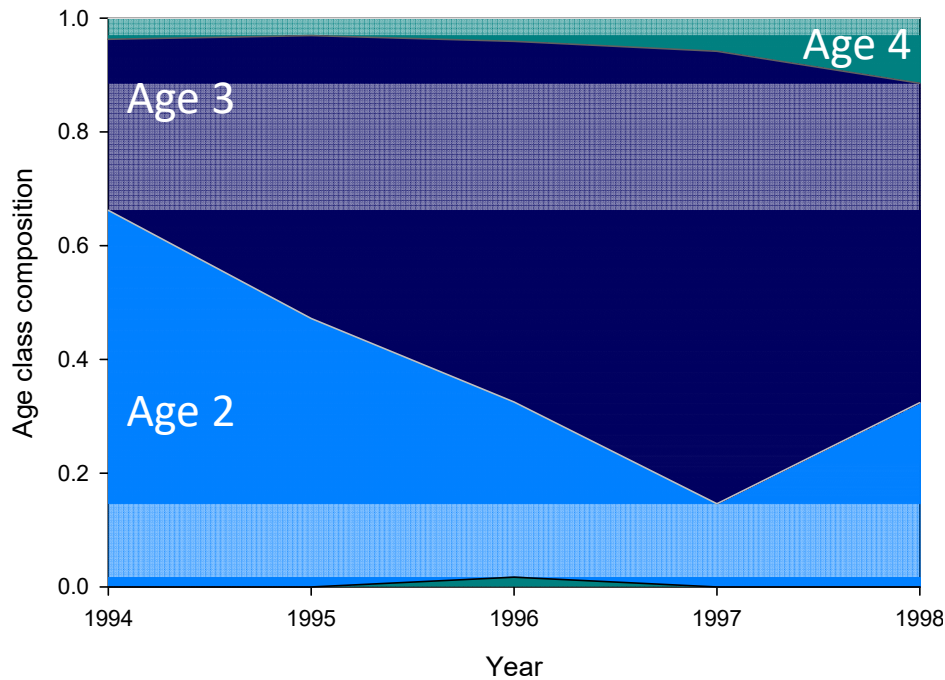




# Clackamas River tributary thermal regimes and smolt age composition

Cold

Warm

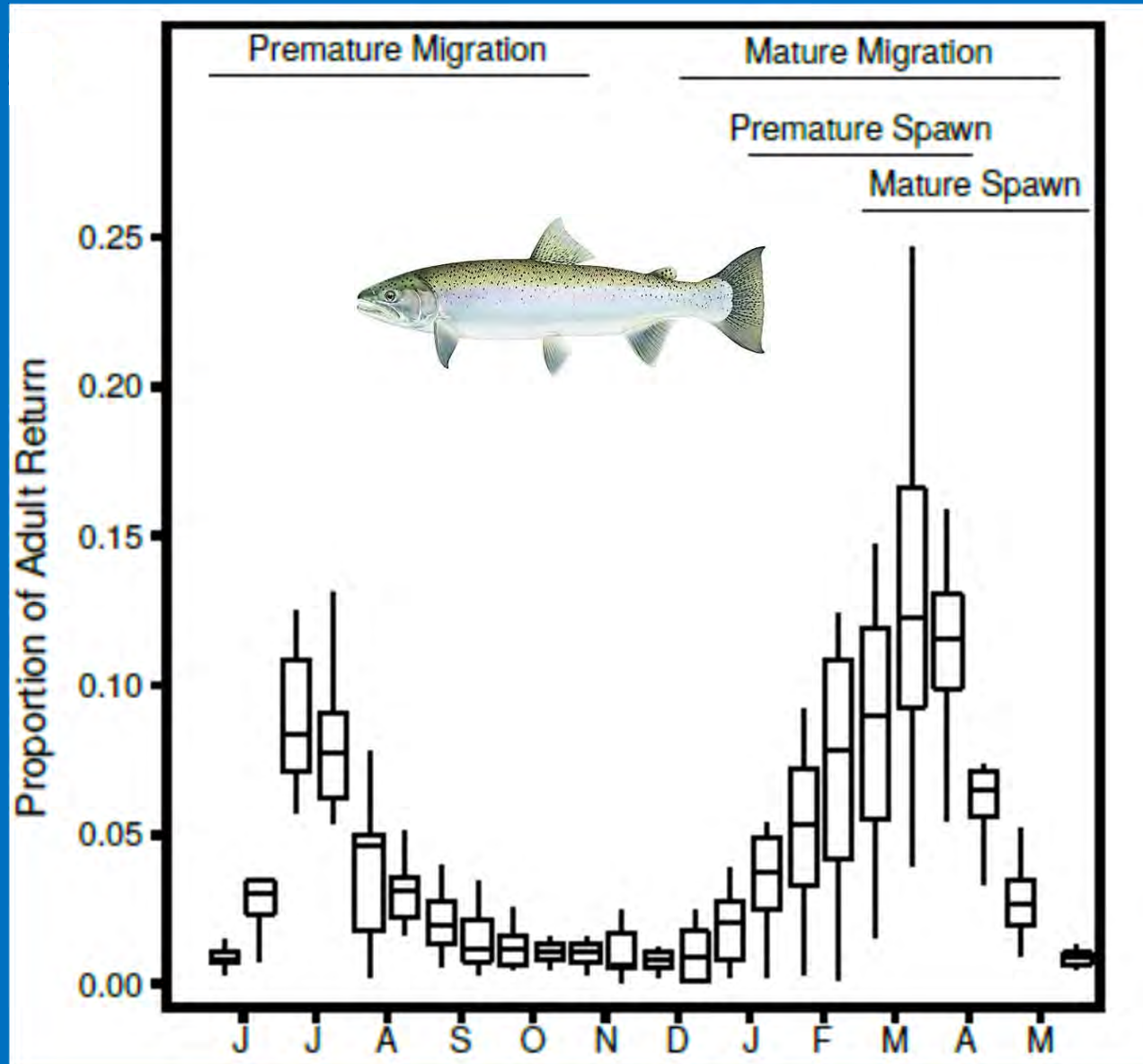


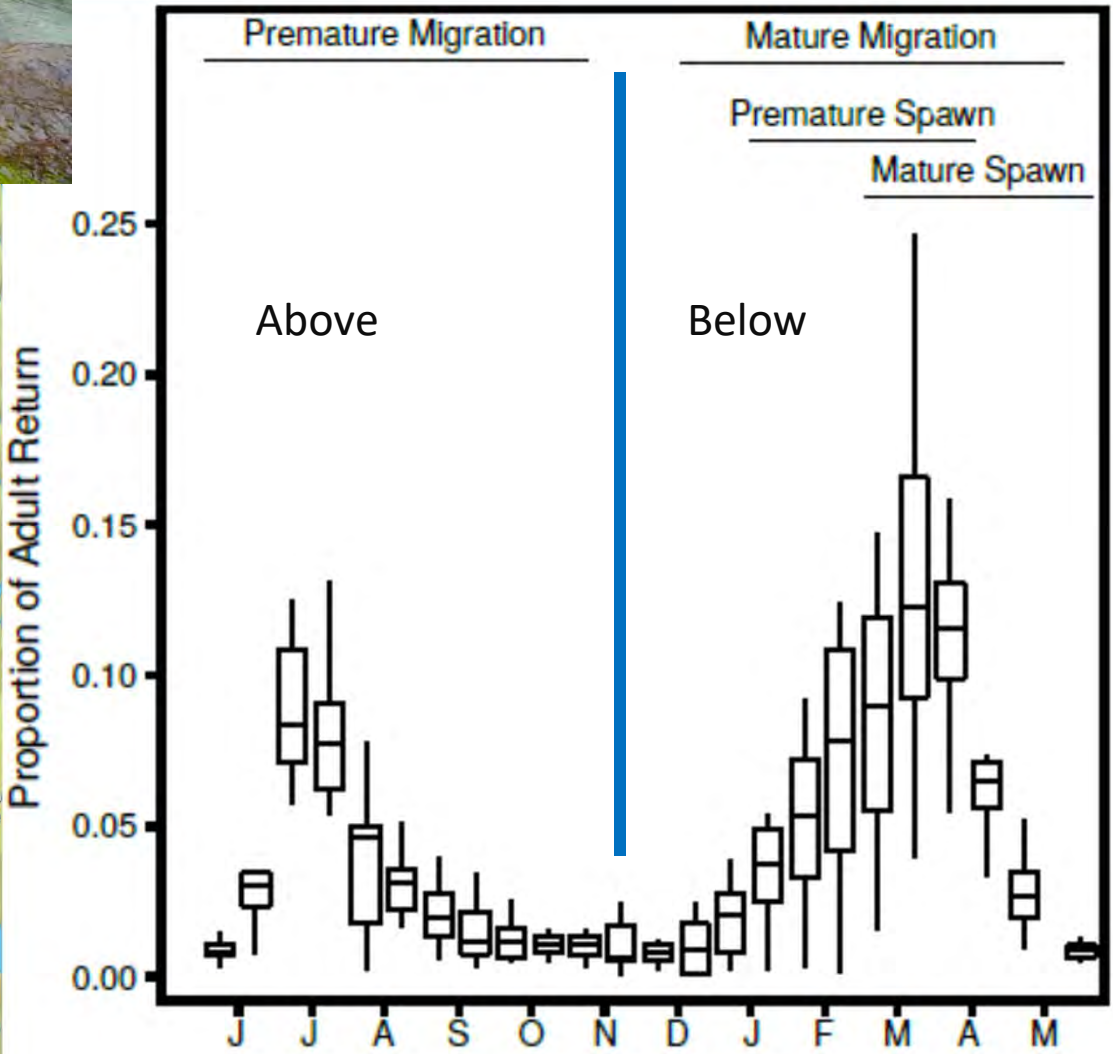
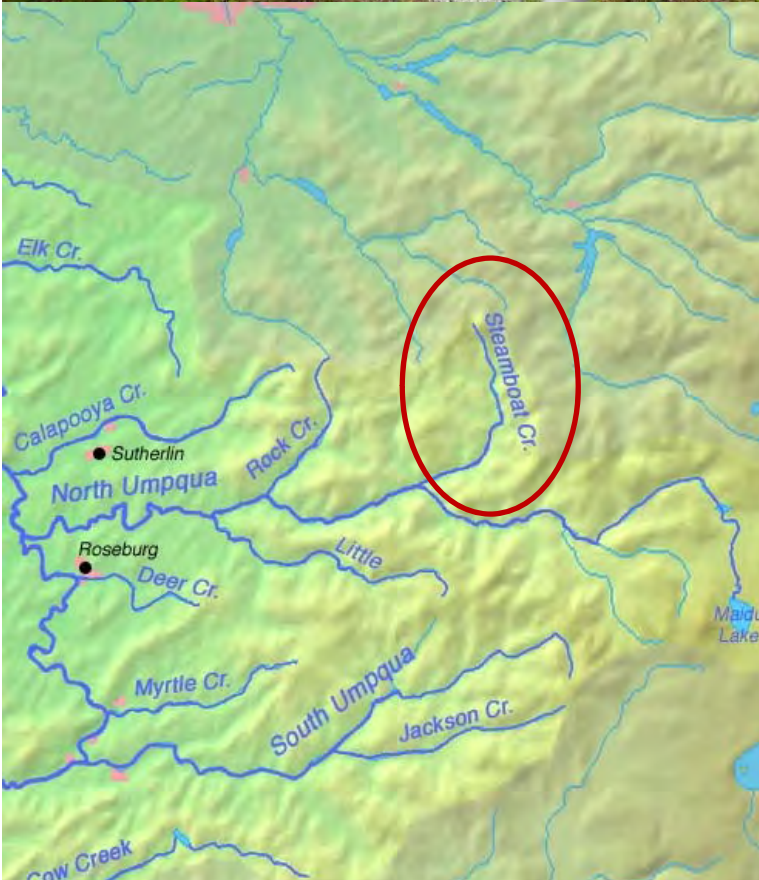
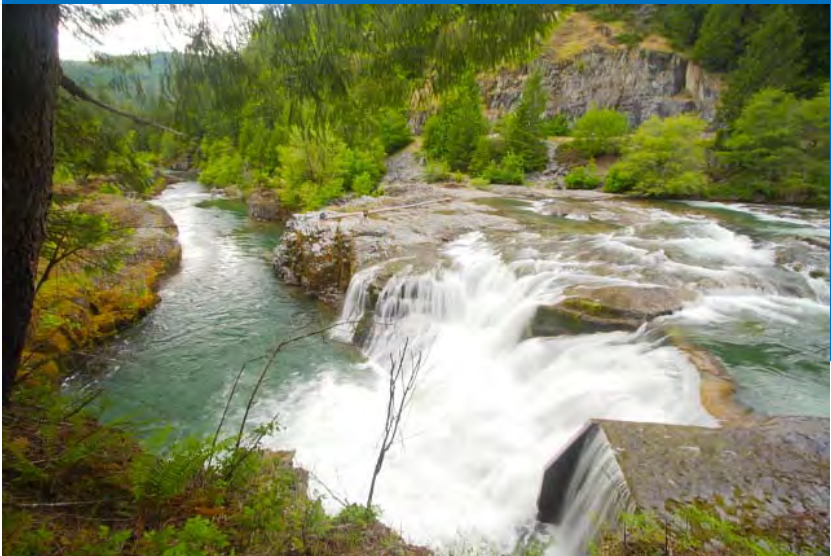
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Mean age: 2.11 yrs  
Mean length: 163 mm

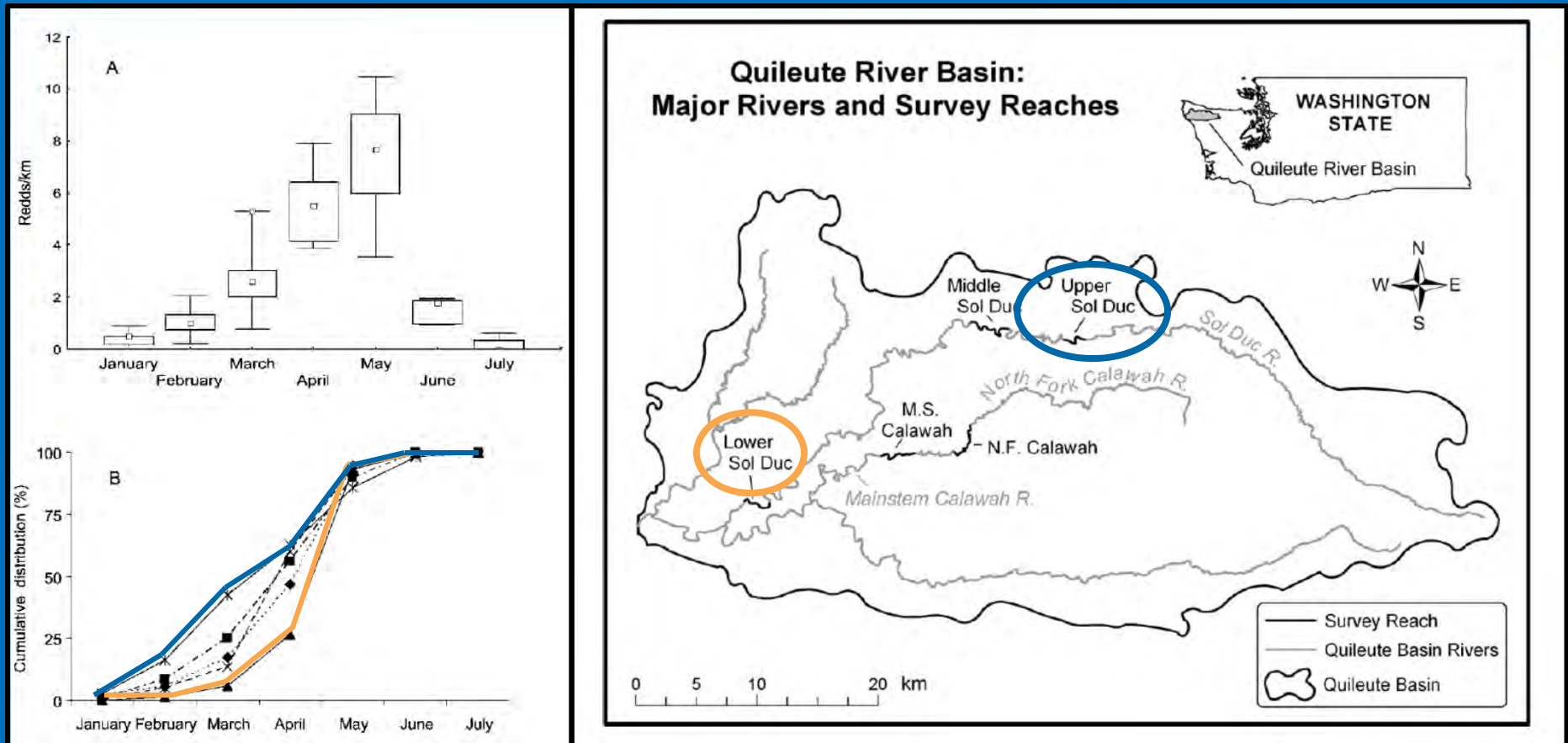
Sloat, Reeves, and Hansen. In prep.

# Temporal and Spatial Structure



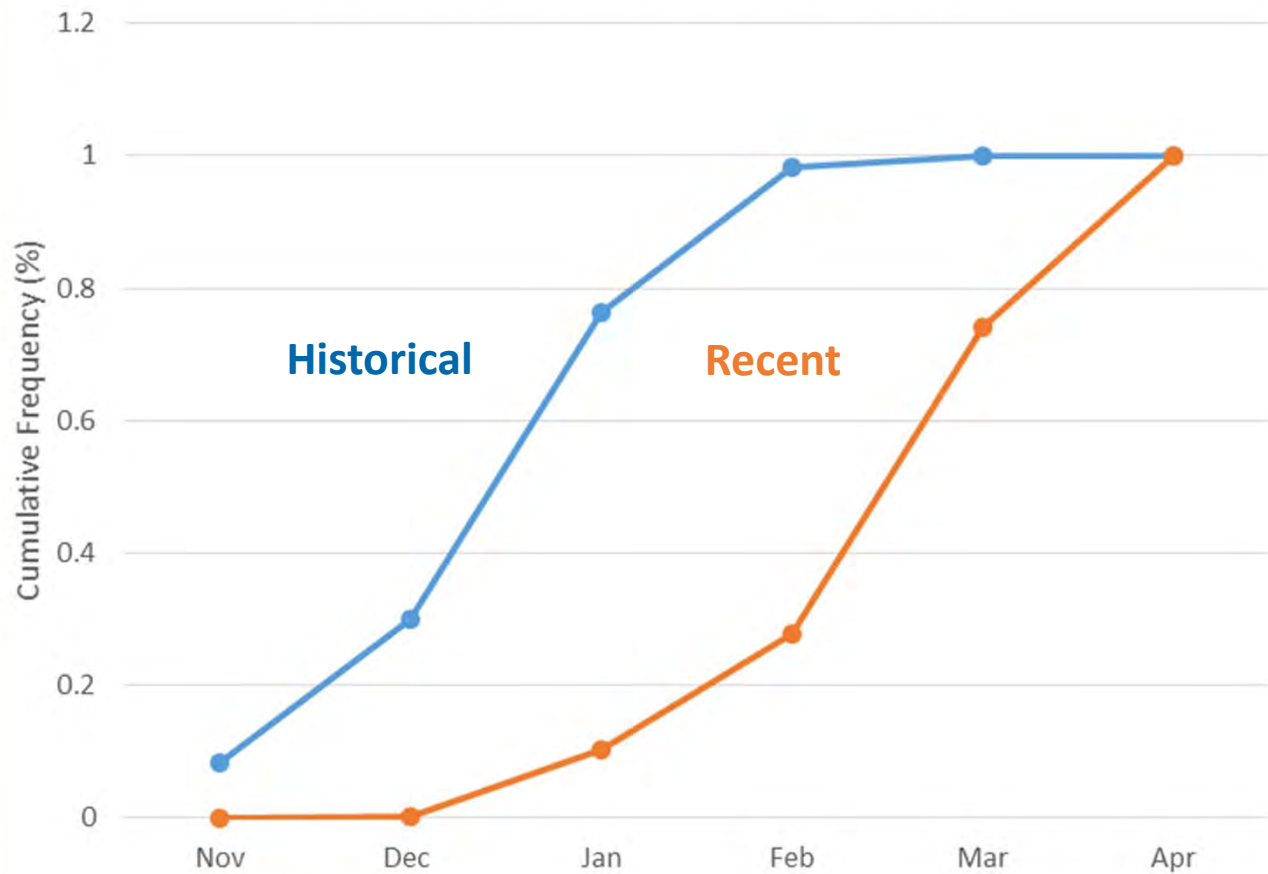


# Fine Scale Temporal and Spatial Structure



McMillan et al. 2007 TAFS

### Quilleute Wild Steelhead Harvest



# What about the future?

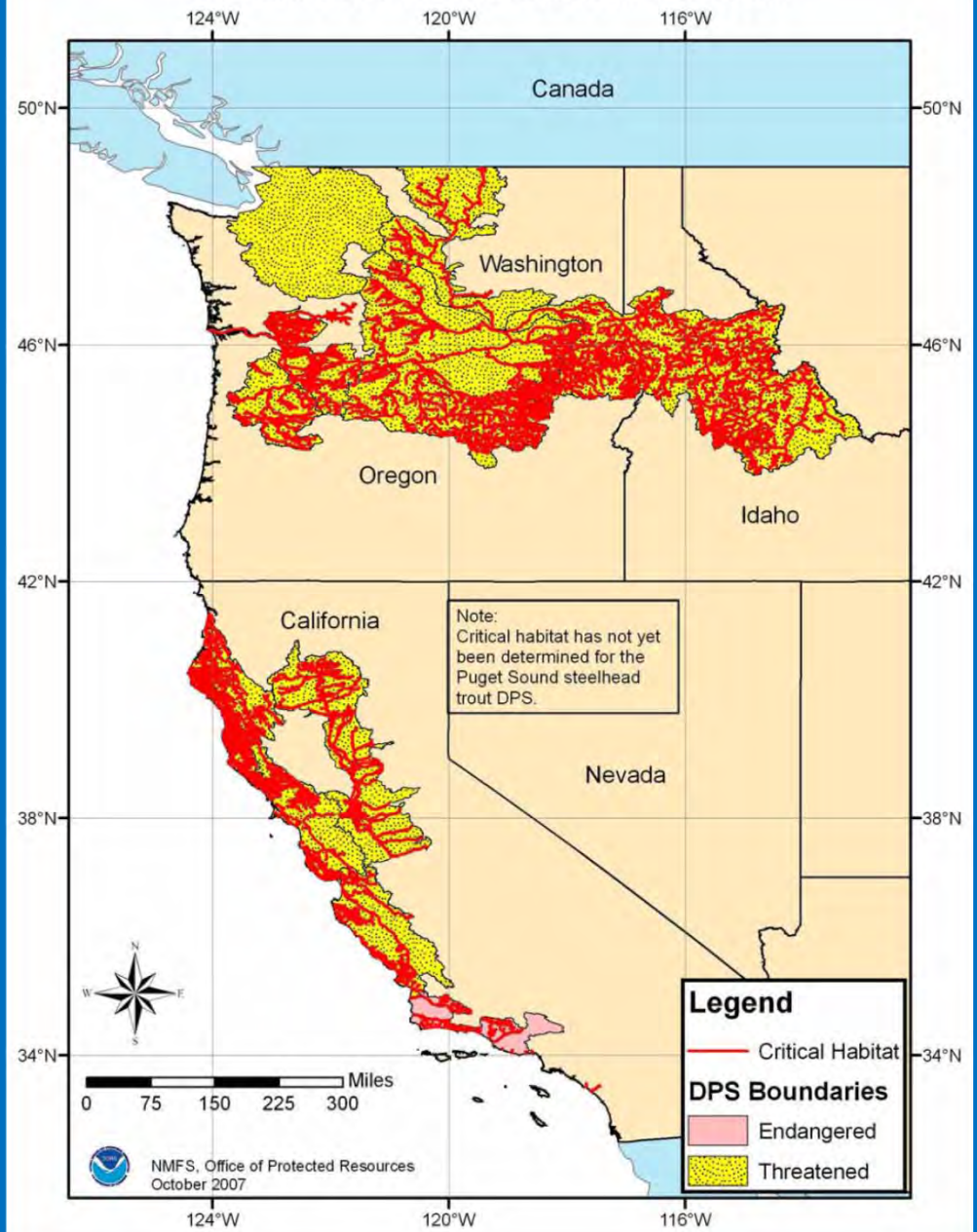


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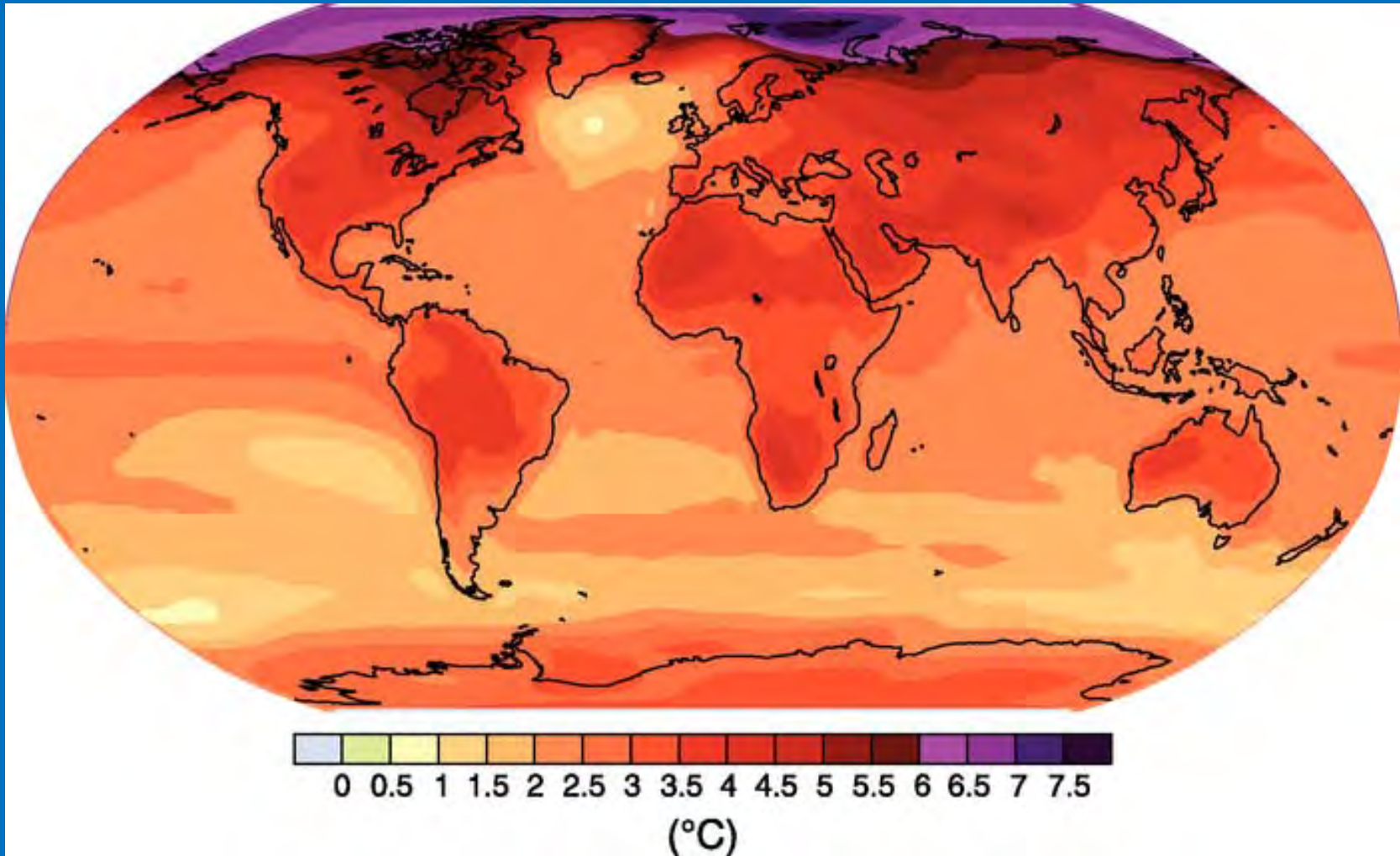
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“the worst is ahead”

# Steelhead Trout Critical Habitat







“The last word in ignorance is the man who says of an animal or plant, “What good is it?” If the land mechanism as a whole is good, then every part is good, whether we understand it or not. If the biota, in the course of aeons, has built something we like but do not understand, then **who but a fool would discard seemingly useless parts?** To keep every cog and wheel is the first precaution of intelligent tinkering.”

— Aldo Leopold, *Round River: From the Journals of Aldo Leopold*



# Restoring our Future

Protect and restore  
processes that generate  
diversity



# Protect the best of what's left

## RFE Salmon Protected Areas



Utkholok, Kamchatka



Protect the best of what's left

# Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary Bill

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# Restoring our Future

Building resilience:

- Biologically
- Politically
- Socially



