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Challenges and opportunities for genetics-based fisheries management of recently diverged stocks

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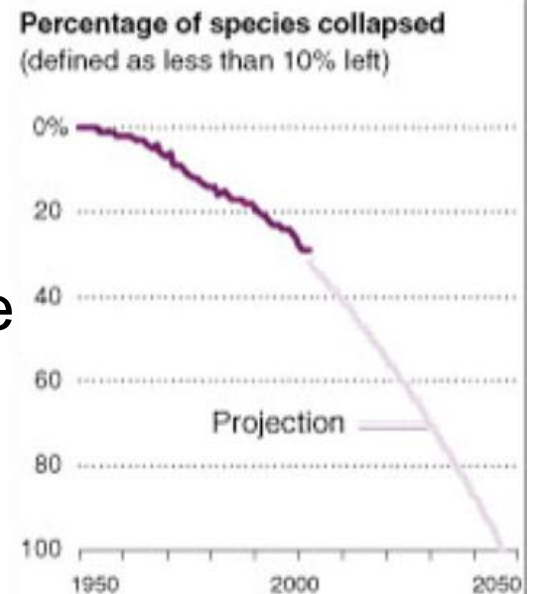
# Fisheries collapse?



## Impacts of Biodiversity Loss on Ocean Ecosystem Services

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- Predicted that by 2048 the ocean would be empty of fish
- Reported fishing stocks had collapsed in 29 percent of the world's fisheries



Source: SeaWeb

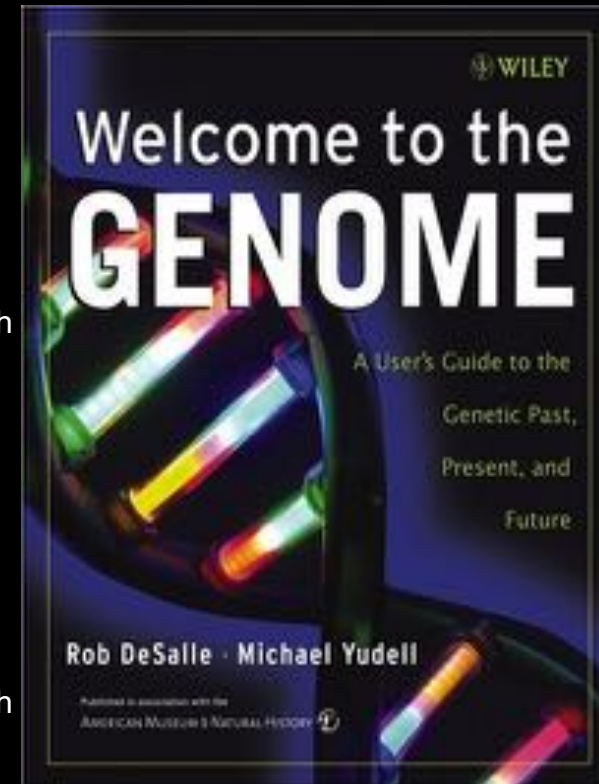
The New York Times





## FISH SPECIES COMPLETED/IN PROGRESS:

- Great white shark
- Chinese sturgeon
- Bowfin
- Bichir
- European freshwater eel
- Orange roughy
- Blind cave fish
- Atlantic herring
- Bighead carp
- Wuchang bream
- Silver carp
- Rare gudgeon
- Tiger tail seahorse
- Lanternfish
- Golden arowana
- Japanese seabass
- Large yellow croaker
- Tongue sole
- Inshore hagfish
- Sea lamprey
- Japanese lamprey
- Elephant shark
- Little skate
- Spotted gar
- Japanese medaka
- Zebrafish
- Southern platyfish
- Atlantic cod
- Three-spined stickleback
- Zebra mbuna
- Tigerfish
- Golden mbuna
- Happy cichlid
- Blue mbuna
- Pacific bluefin tuna
- Atlantic salmon
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# Genetics-based fisheries management

- Distribution of neutral genetic variation
- Applications:
  - defining stocks
  - analyzing mixtures
  - identifying specimens
  - monitoring restocking initiatives
  - guiding aquaculture operations

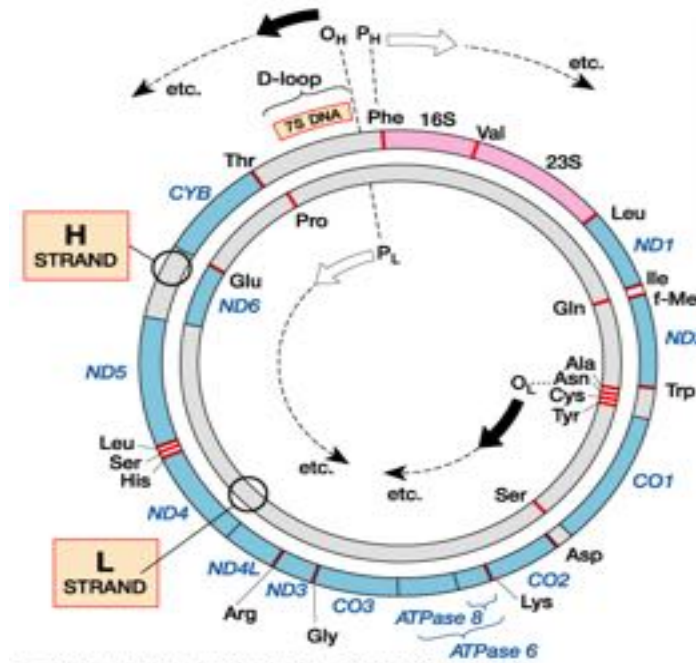
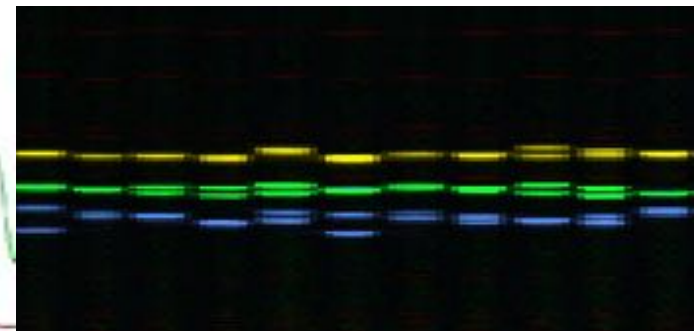
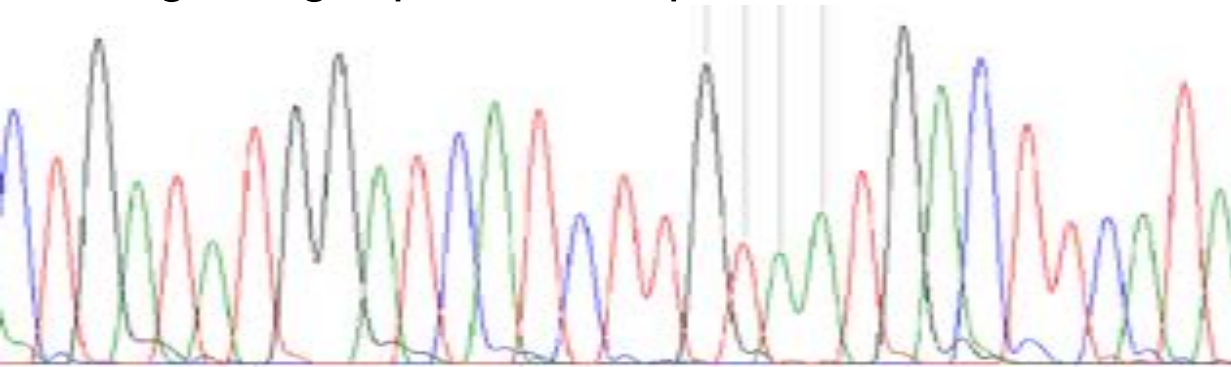
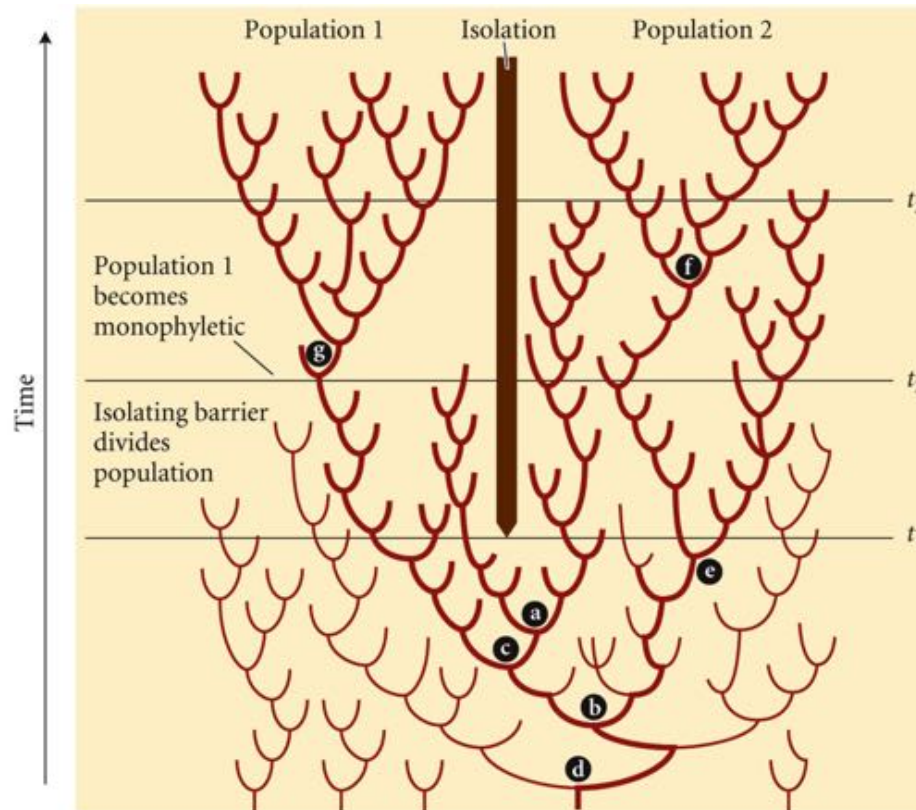


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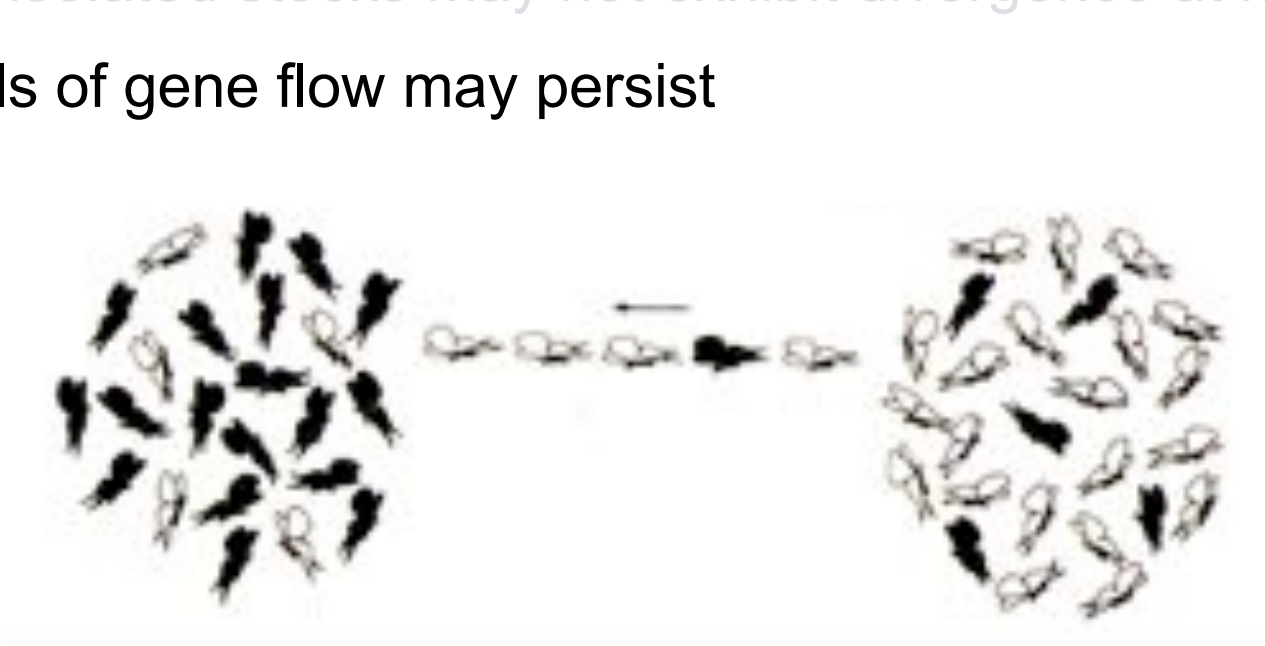
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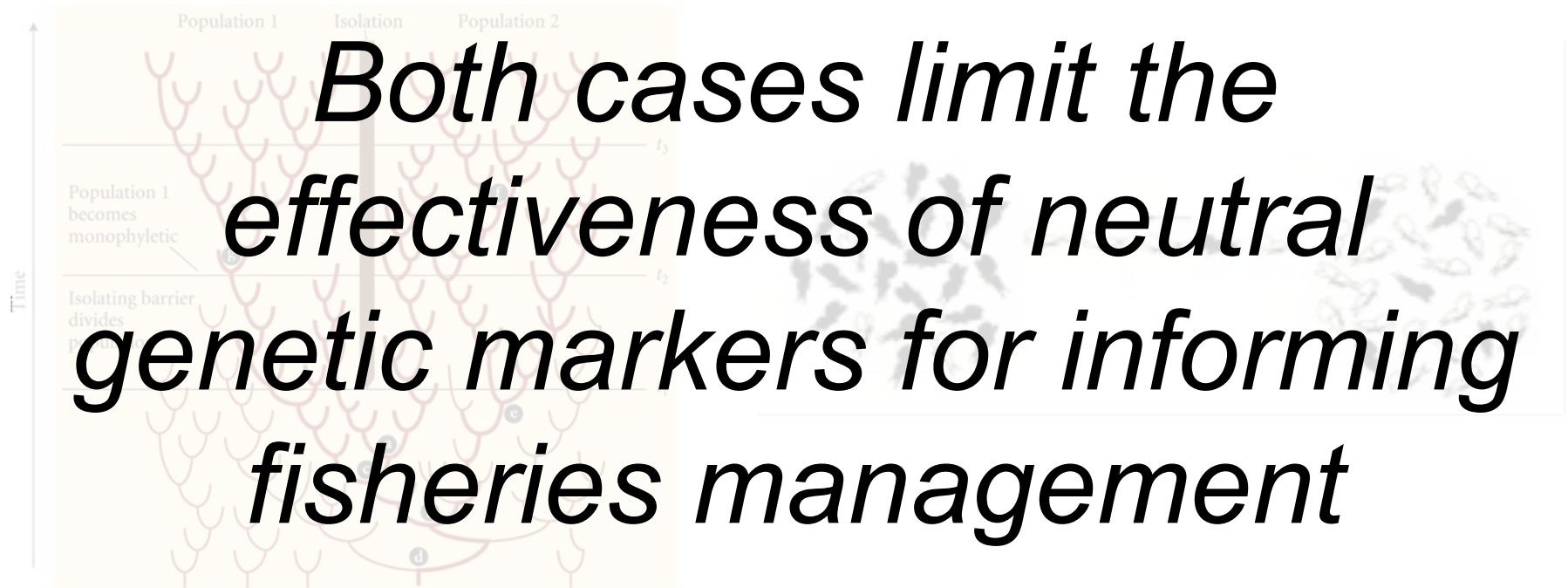
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**$Nm$**  is  $> 1$  the allele frequencies in the subpopulations will remain homogenised (Wright 1931)

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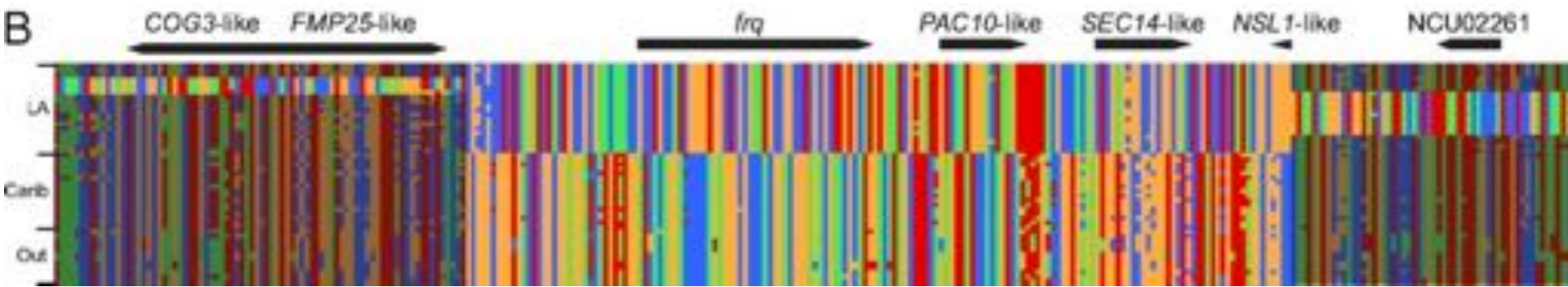
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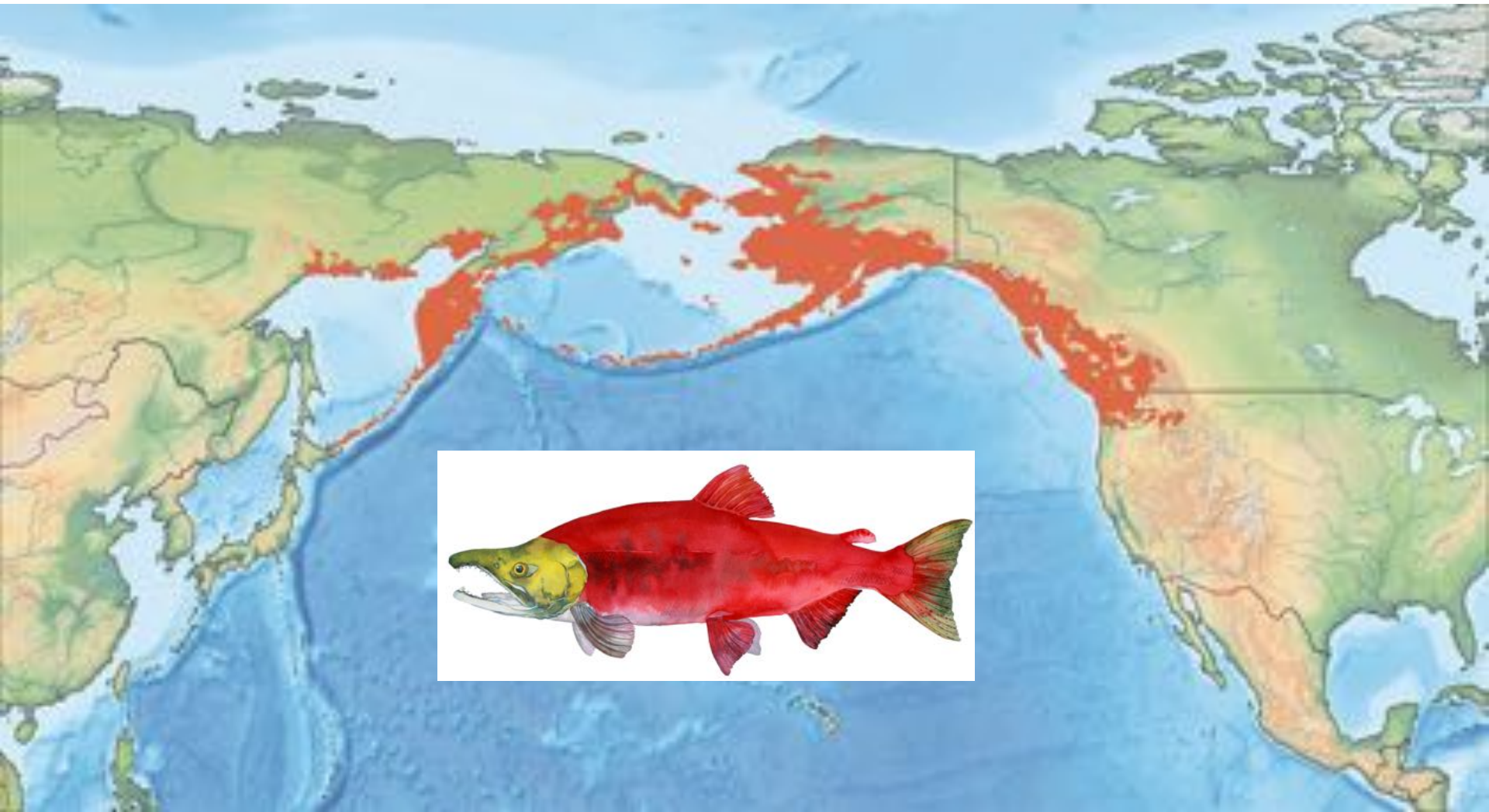
*Loci influenced by selection may offer valuable population markers on more recent (ecological) time scales*

# Population genomics

- Extension of population genetics
- Transition from analyzing genotypic data at a handful of molecular markers to 1,000's to >100,000's across genome
- Discrimination between locus-specific & genome-wide effects

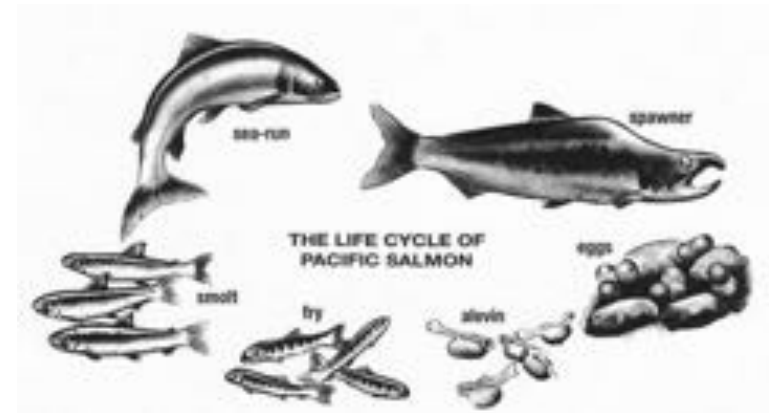


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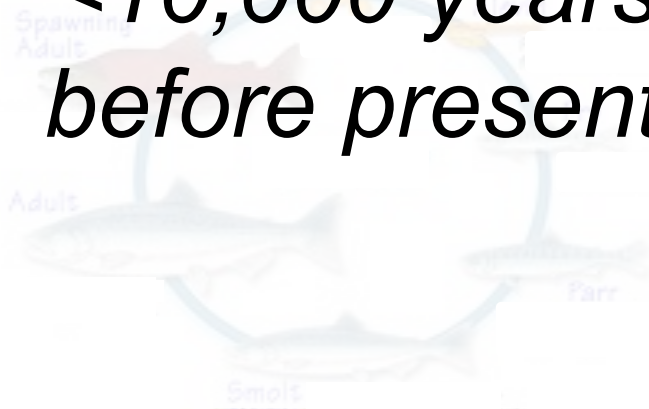
- Reproductive ecotypes
  - River/stream-spawning
  - Beach/shore-spawning



# Sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*)

During the glacial retreat 12,000 ybp:

- Temporary corridors to program lakes
- ***Ecotype divergence likely occurred since isolation <10,000 years before present***



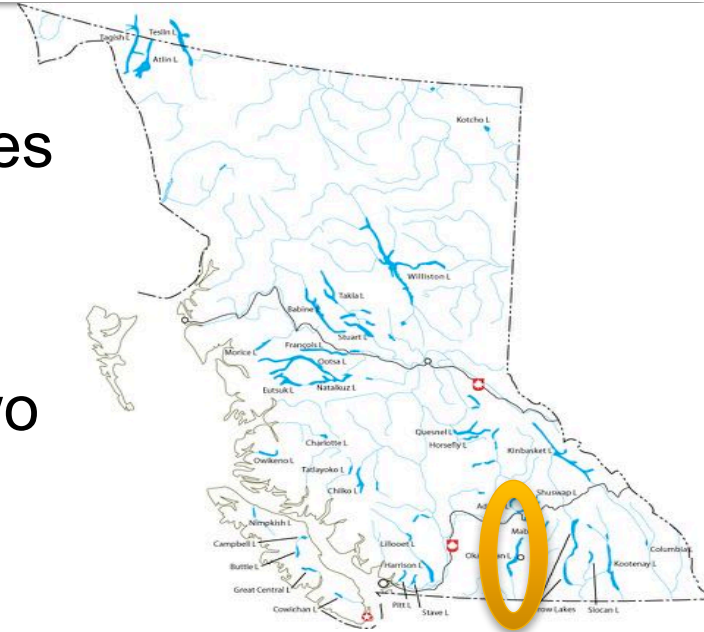
# Research objectives

1. Is divergent selection driving differentiation between sockeye salmon migratory and reproductive ecotypes?
2. Does the use of outlier loci improve accuracy and cost-effectiveness relative to conventional approaches to genetics-based fisheries management?

# Study system: Kokanee



- Okanagan Lake located between the Monashee & Cascade mountain ranges
  - spans 351 km<sup>2</sup>, average depth 76 m
- Kokanee in Okanagan Lake exhibit two sympatric ecotypes





# Reproductive ecotypes

## STREAM SPAWNERS



- Larger body size
- Bright red/green colouration
- More pronounced sexual characteristics
- Peak spawning time early October
- Spawn in pairs, male mate defense

## SHORE SPAWNERS



- Smaller body size
- Darker, more uniform colouration
- Less pronounced sexual characteristics
- Peak spawning time late October
- Spawn in schools

# Reproductive ecotypes



## STREAM SPAWNERS



♀  
♂



## SHORE SPAWNERS



# Previous genetic work

- Low levels of neutral genetic differentiation detected between ecotypes (Taylor *et al.* 1997, 2000)
- Low individual assignment probabilities to ecotype (71% and 76% accurate, Taylor *et al.* 2000)
- Unacceptable error rates in mixed composition analyses using microsatellites (Withler 2000)

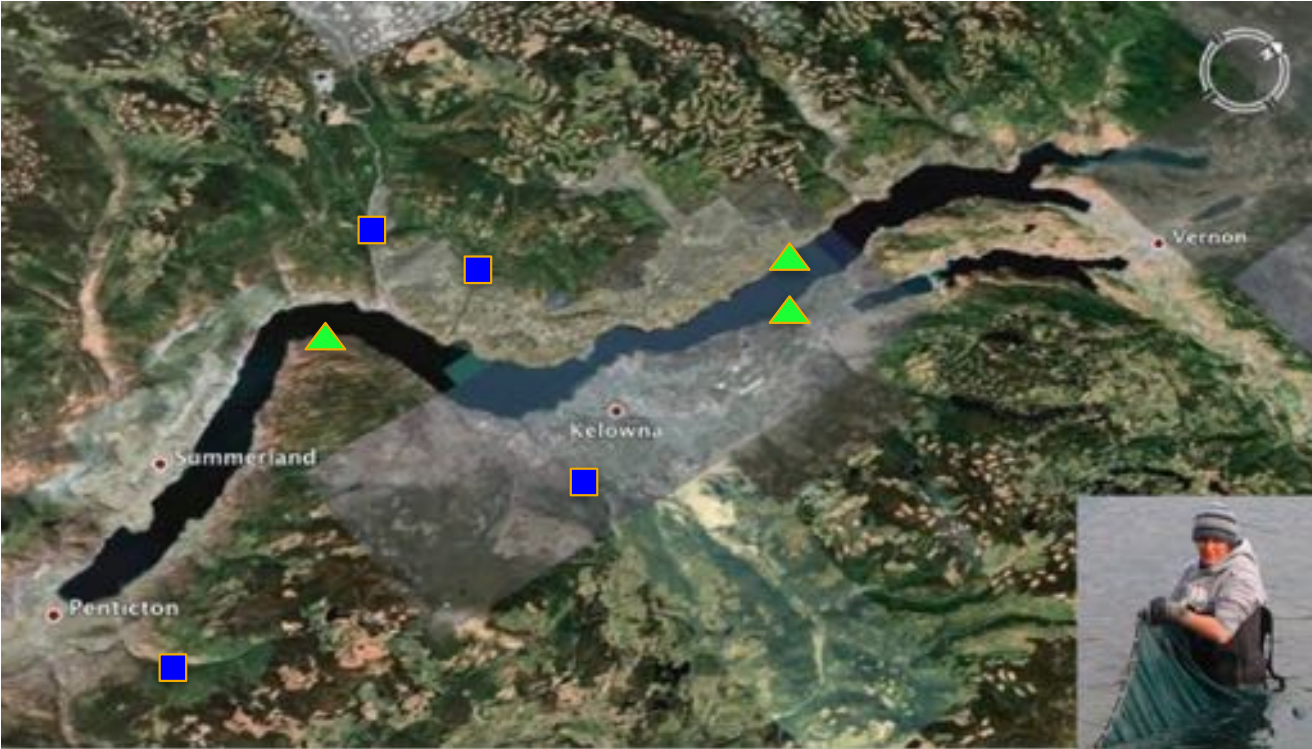






Okanagan Lake kokanee

# Reproductive ecotype divergence



- ▲ shore spawning sites
- stream spawning sites

n = 138  
year = 2007



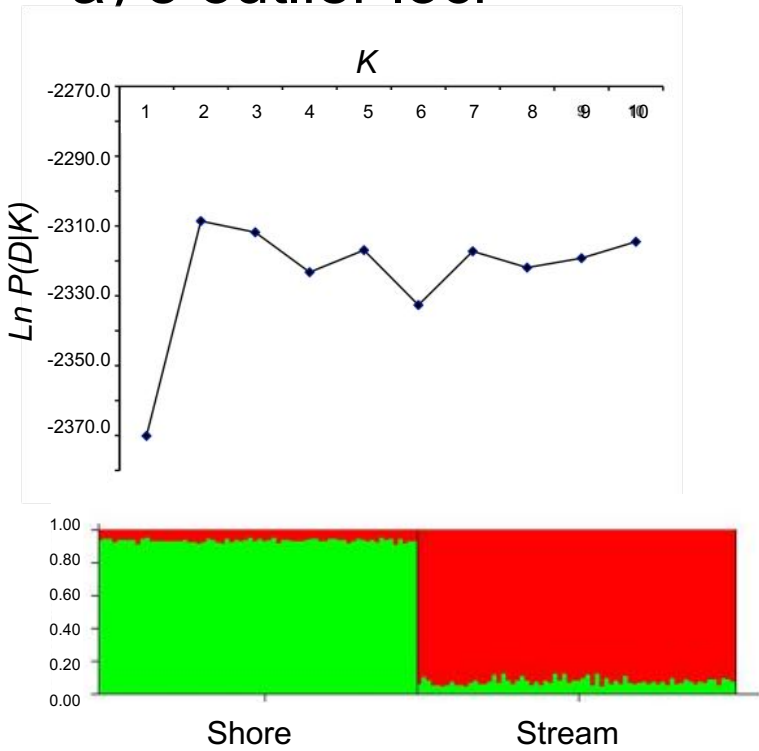


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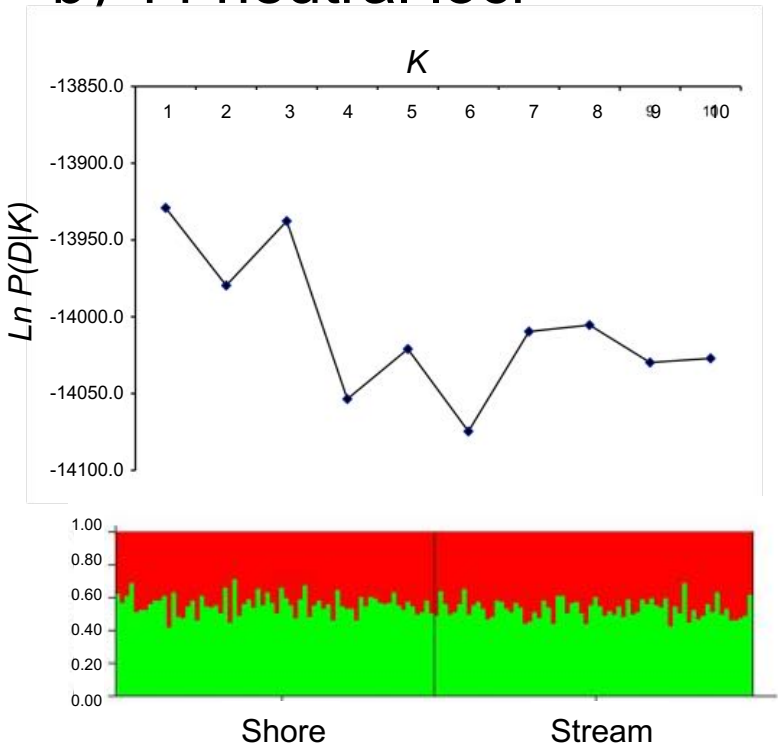
# Reproductive ecotype divergence

Genotyped at 52 expressed sequence tag-linked microsatellites

a) 8 outlier loci



b) 44 neutral loci



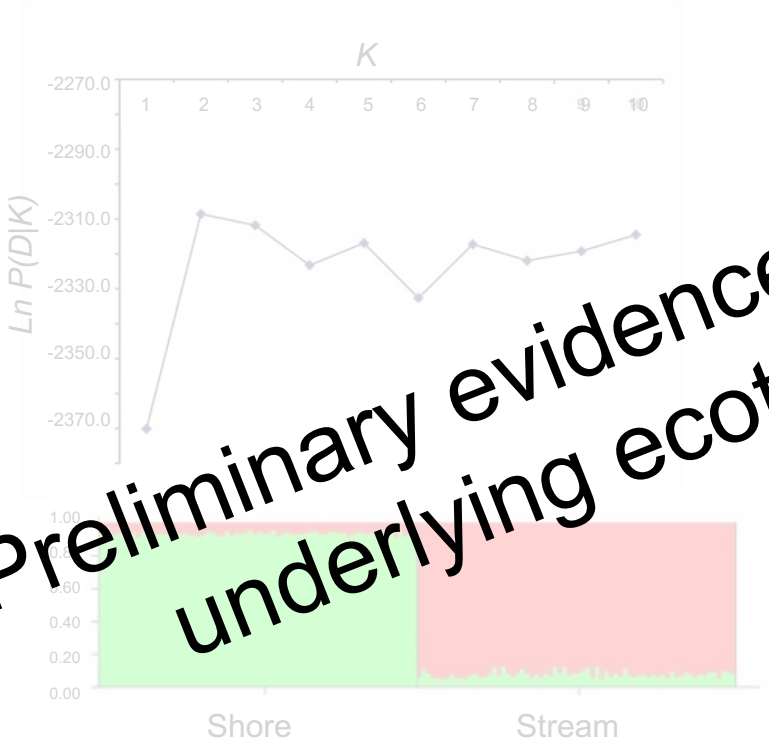


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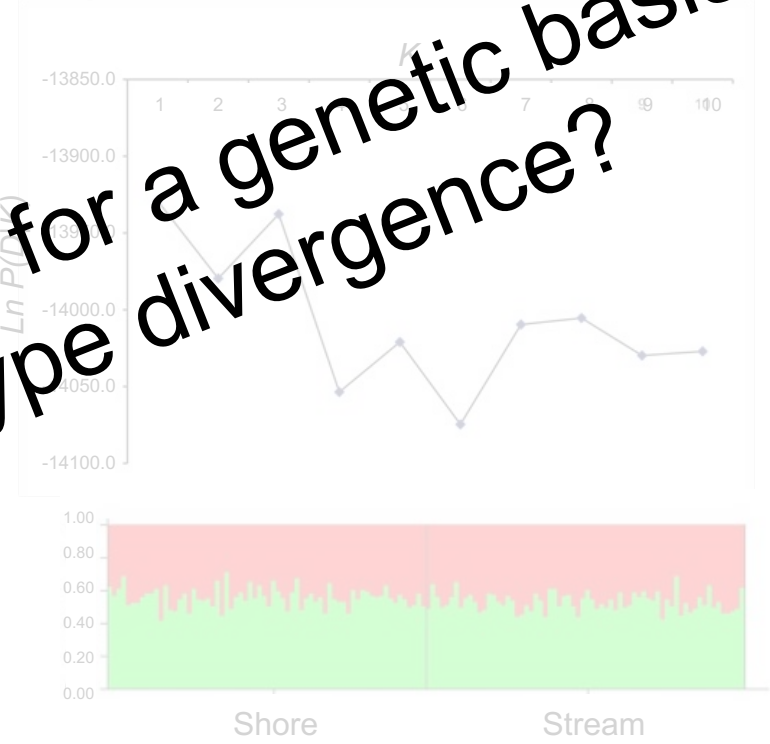
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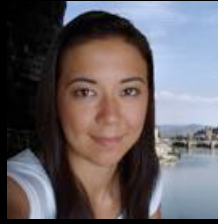
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Preliminary evidence for a genetic basis underlying ecotype divergence?



British Columbia-wide kokanee

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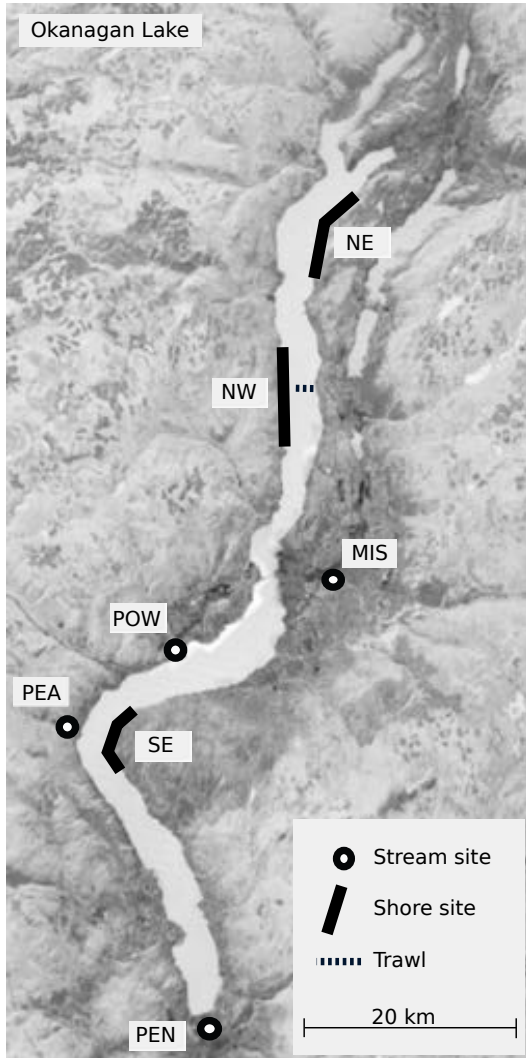
*No parallel patterns of divergence in a BC-wide sampling*





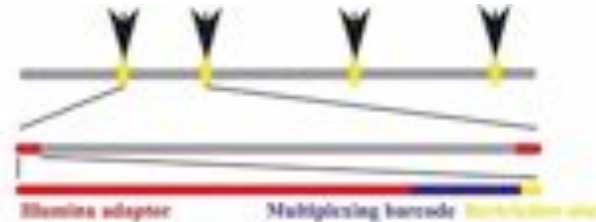
# Okanagan Lake kokanee

# Reproductive ecotype divergence



## RADseq genotyped 5,996 SNPs

1. Restriction enzyme digestion



3. Pooling of individual, shearing (300–800 bp) and ligation of P2 adapters



4(a) Single end sequencing



4(b) Paired end sequencing



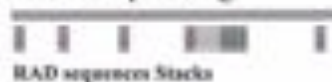
5(a) Single end assemblies

108 bp contigs

5(b) Paired end assemblies

108 + 400 bp contigs

6. RAD sequencing



Shotgun sequencing

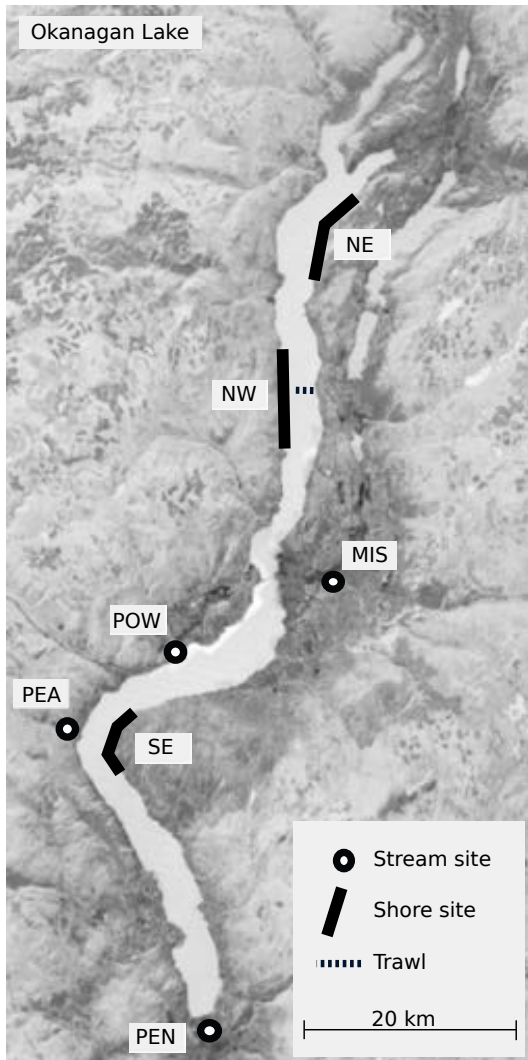




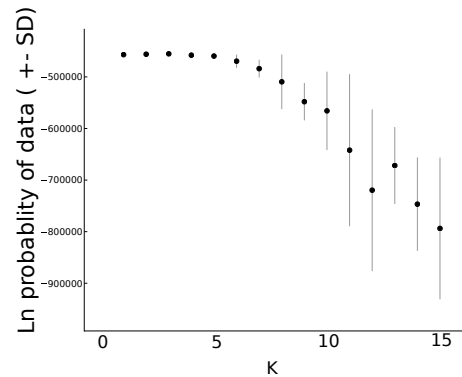


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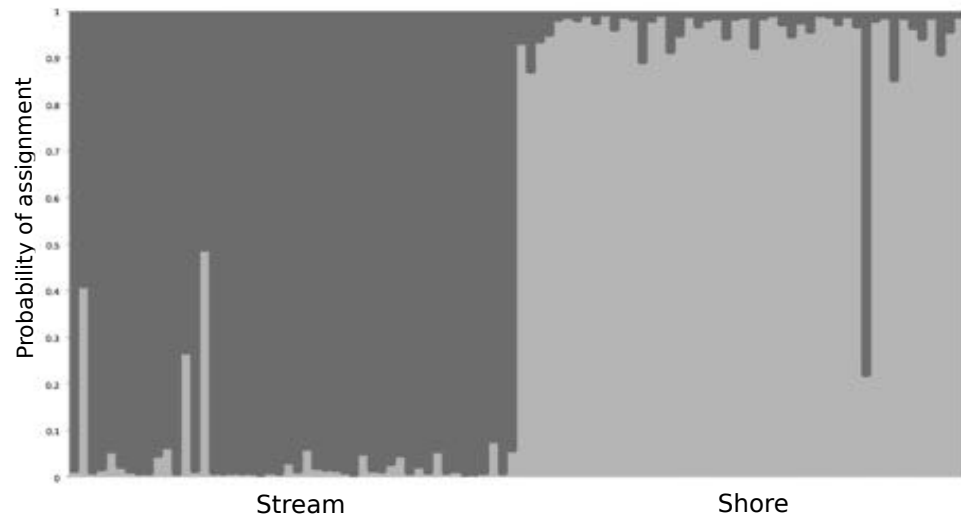
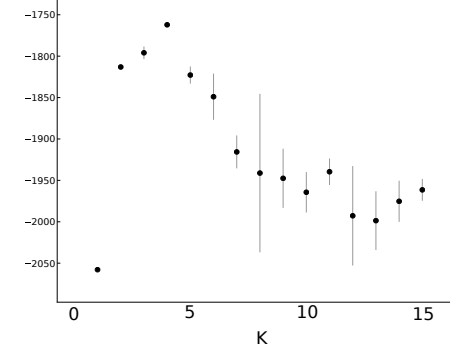
## Reproductive ecotype divergence



Neutral (n = 5,976)



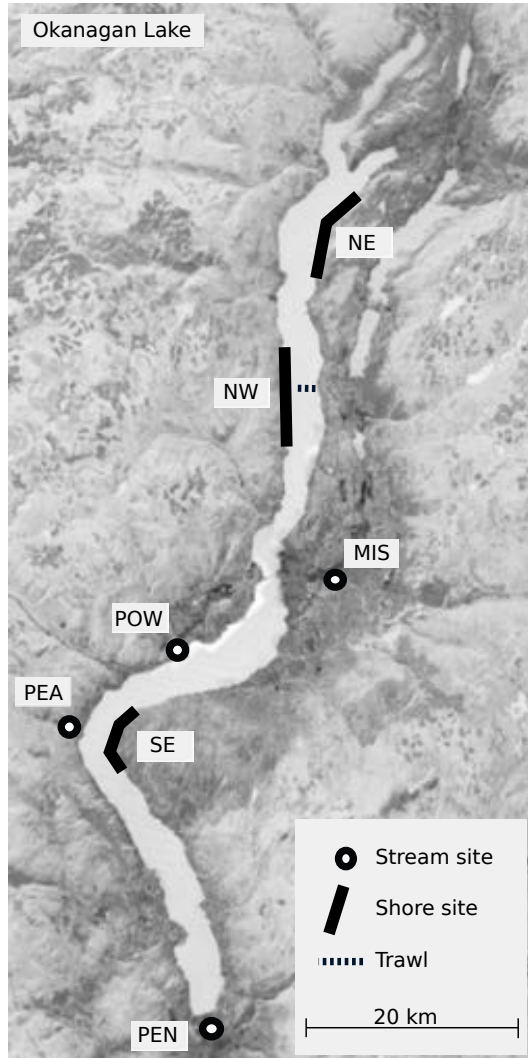
Outlier (n = 20)





## Okanagan Lake kokanee

# Reproductive ecotype divergence



Data	Ecotype	Accuracy ( $\pm$ SD)
20 outlier loci	Stream	0.9999 ( $\pm$ 0.0007)
	Shore	0.9999 ( $\pm$ 0.0006)
20 neutral loci	Stream	0.8277 ( $\pm$ 0.0517)
	Shore	0.8400 ( $\pm$ 0.0592)
500 neutral loci	Stream	0.9413 ( $\pm$ 0.0168)
	Shore	0.9598 ( $\pm$ 0.0158)



# British Columbia kokanee and sockeye

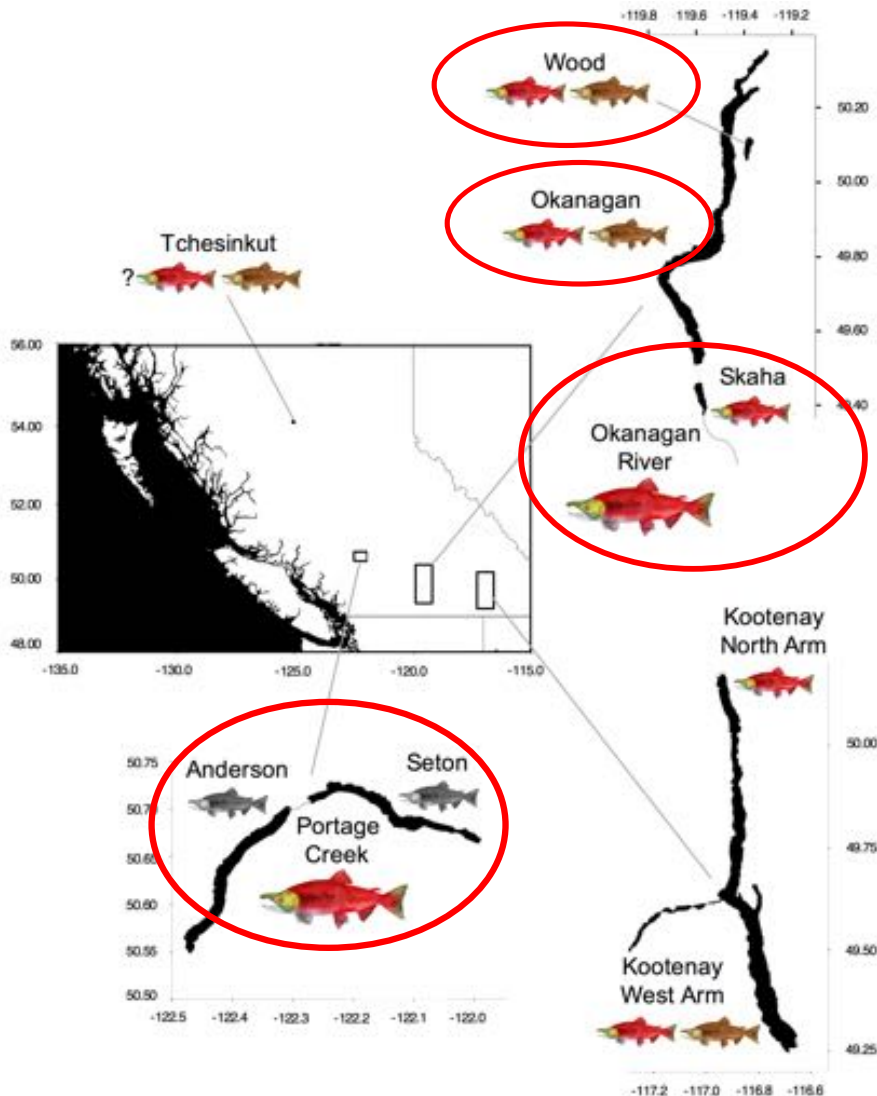
## Reproductive ecotype divergence

RADseq genotyped 7,347 SNPs

126 outlier SNPs  
shore-spawning kokanee x  
stream-spawning kokanee

R68810 independently detected in  
4 systems across 2 drainages

R68810 maps to leucine-rich  
repeat-containing protein-9 gene  
(LRRC9)

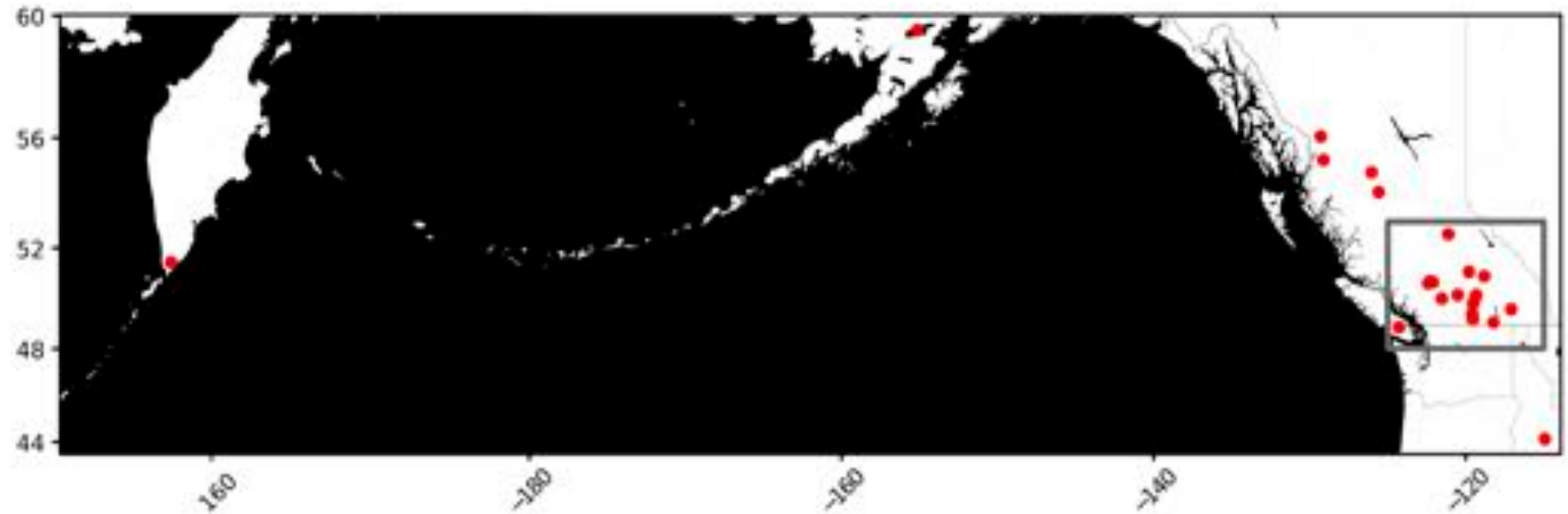




Pan-Pacific kokanee and sockeye

# Reproductive ecotype divergence

Developed a TaqMan<sup>®</sup> assay and genotyped 1519 sockeye/kokanee from 47 sites across pan-Pacific distribution

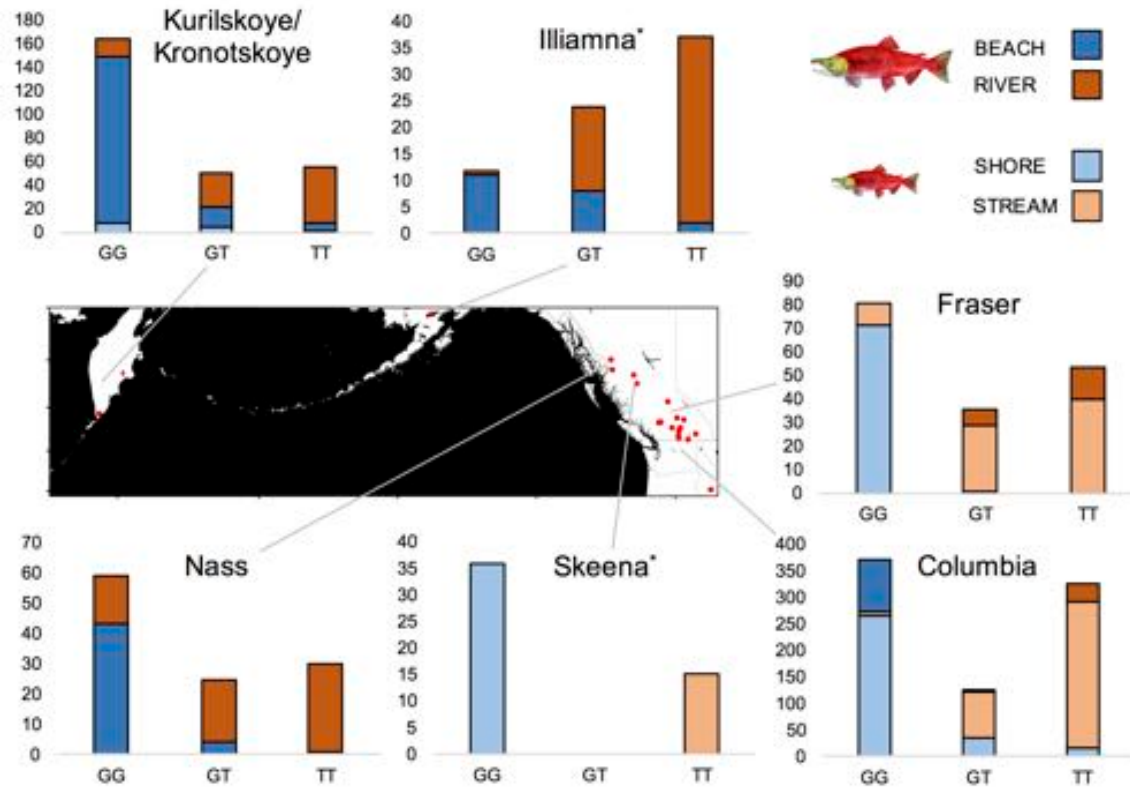






# Pan-Pacific kokanee and sockeye

## Reproductive ecotype divergence



Evidence for directional divergence across the natural range of *O. nerka* in Russia, Alaska and Canada

>99% correct assignment to reproductive ecotype

- GG = shore
- GT/TT = stream

G (shore) allele could be associated with loss of function, leading to a lack of spawning habitat preference



# British Columbia kokanee and sockeye

## Migratory ecotype divergence

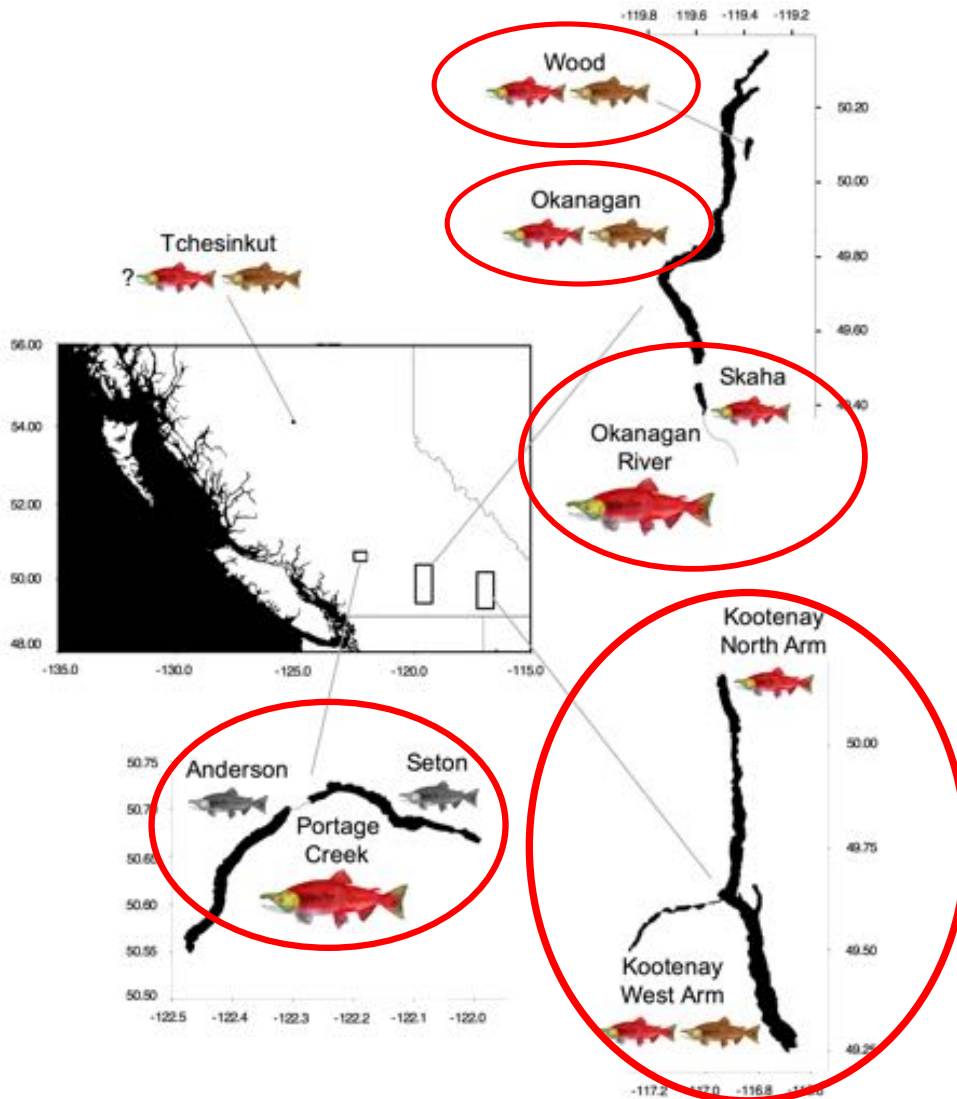
RADseq genotyped 7,347 SNPs

219 outlier SNPs  
anadromous x resident

75 of which independently  
detected in  $\geq 2$  comparisons

7 of which independently detected  
in  $\geq 4$  comparisons

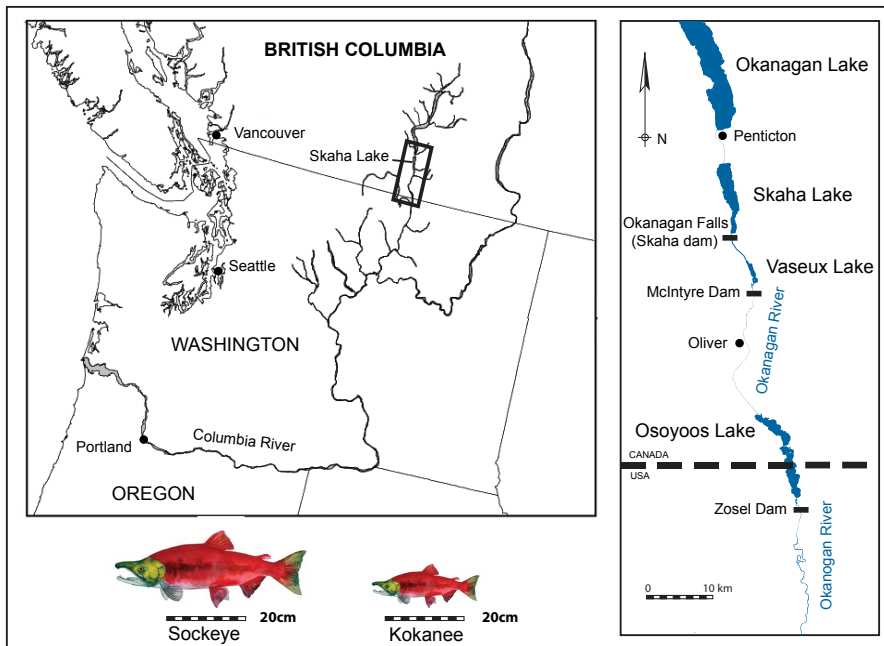
Annotations identifying genes  
associated with development,  
environmental tolerance &  
immune response





# Monitoring sockeye reintroduction

# Fisheries management applications



Hatchery conservation programs are increasingly being employed to reintroduce or maintain local populations

Sockeye salmon hatchery restocking in Skaha Lake began in 2004

Need for monitoring sockeye population establishment and introgression trends with the resident kokanee population



## Monitoring sockeye reintroduction

# Fisheries management applications

Genotyped samples from reference populations, annual trawl surveys and angler surveys collected over 8-year period at previously published and newly developed TaqMan assays based on our RADseq data (n = 35)

Sample Year	Sampling Period	Type	Age	Sample size
2003	September - October	Kokanee Reference	3+	130
2012	September - October	Sockeye Reference	3+	148
2008	September - October	Annual Trawl Survey	0	96
2010	September - October	Annual Trawl Survey	0	96
2012	September - October	Annual Trawl Survey	0	96
2014	September - October	Annual Trawl Survey	0	96
2013	September - October	Annual Trawl Survey	1 - 2	136
2015	September - October	Angler Survey	2 - 5	45

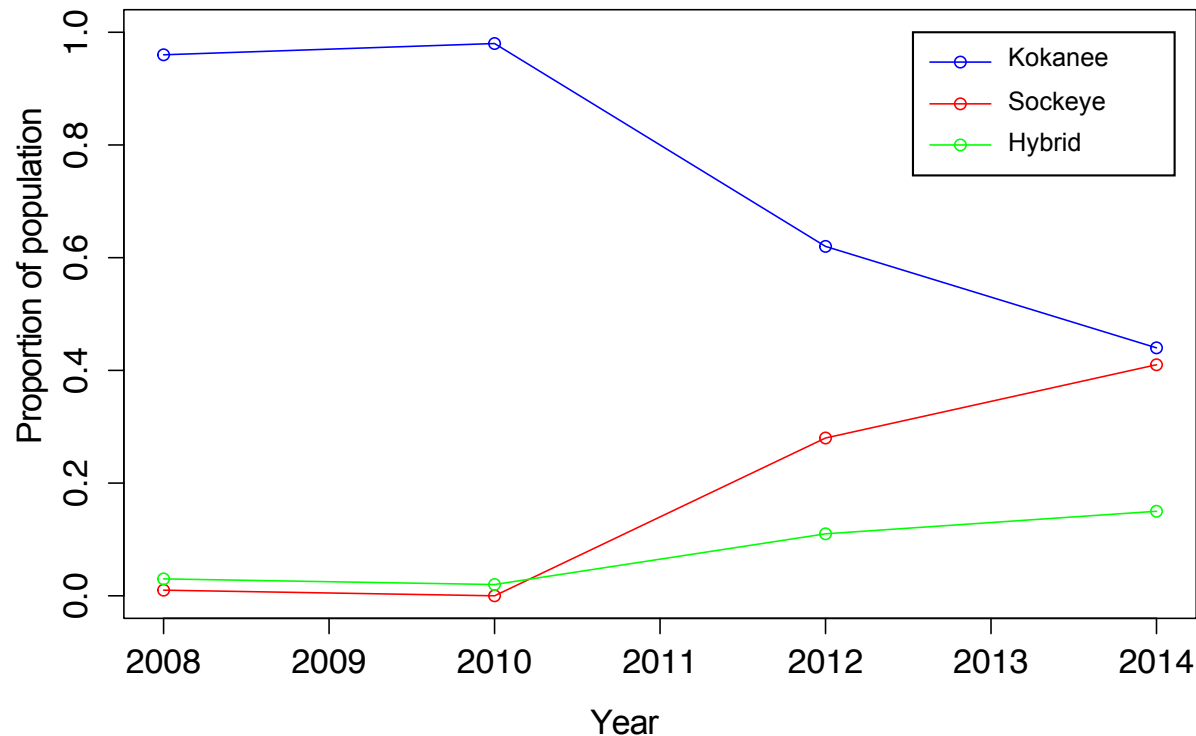




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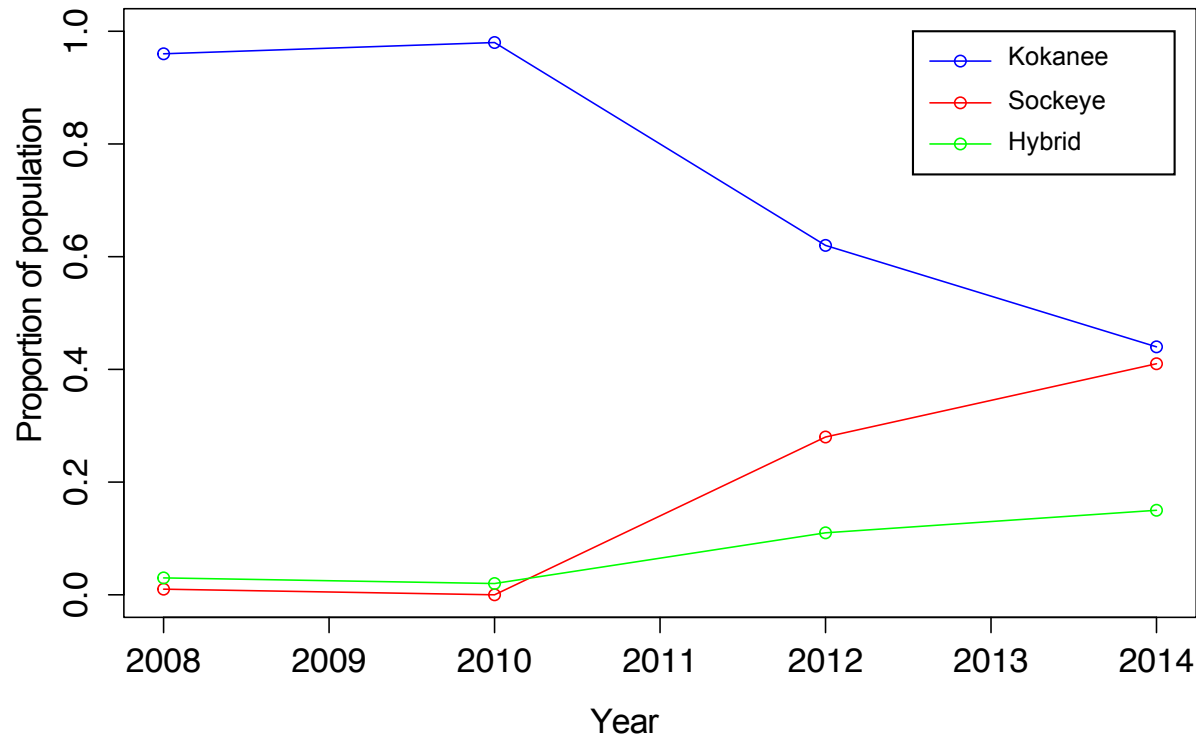
Low proportions of sockeye and hybrids detected in 2008 & 2010 age-0 samples; by 2012, 28% were sockeye, rising to 41% in 2014





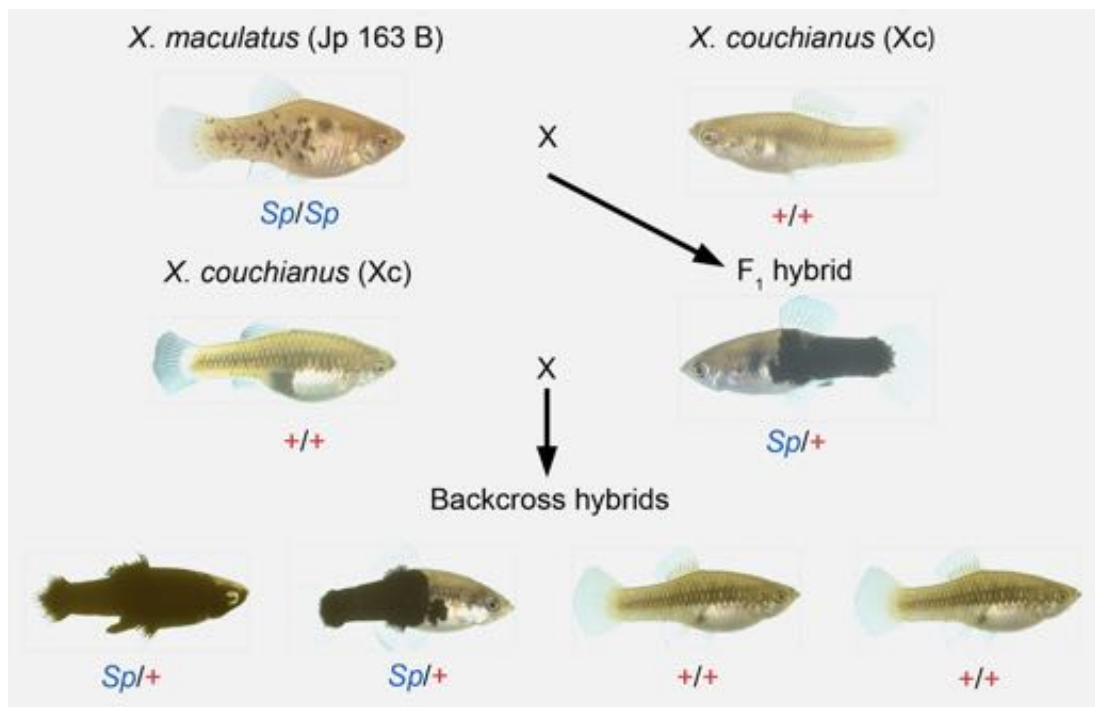
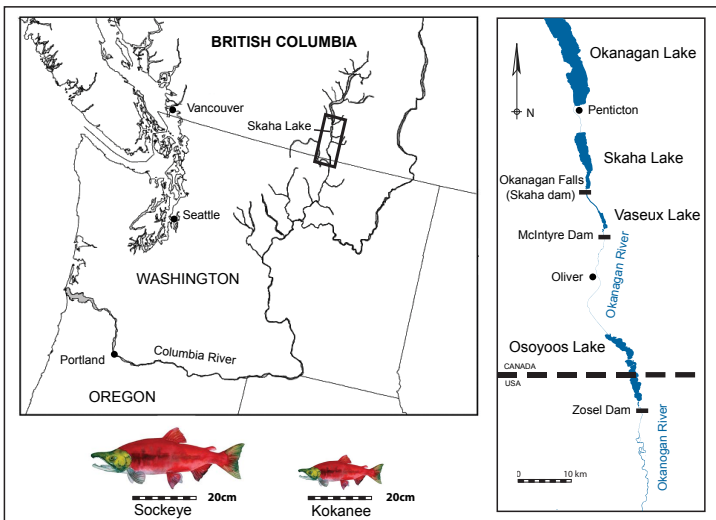
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The number of hybrids detected rose proportionally with the increase in sockeye, and exhibited an intermediate phenotype.





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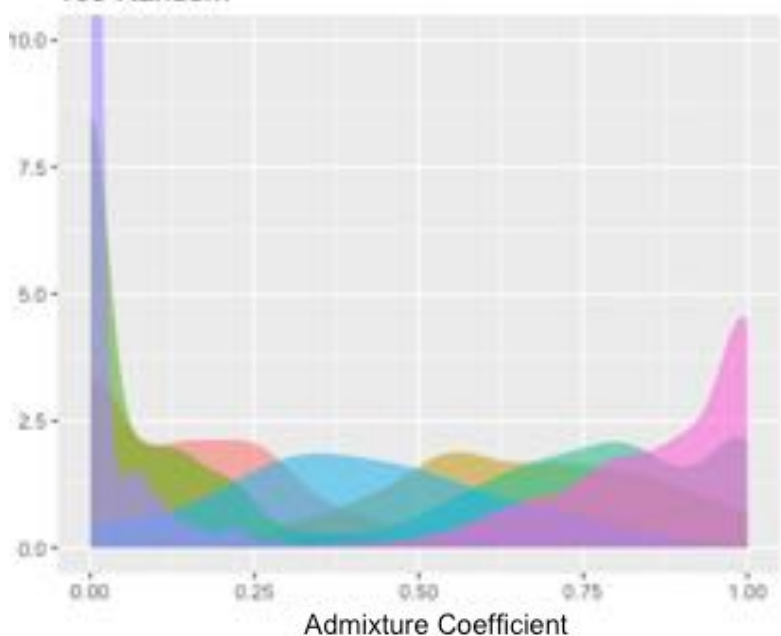




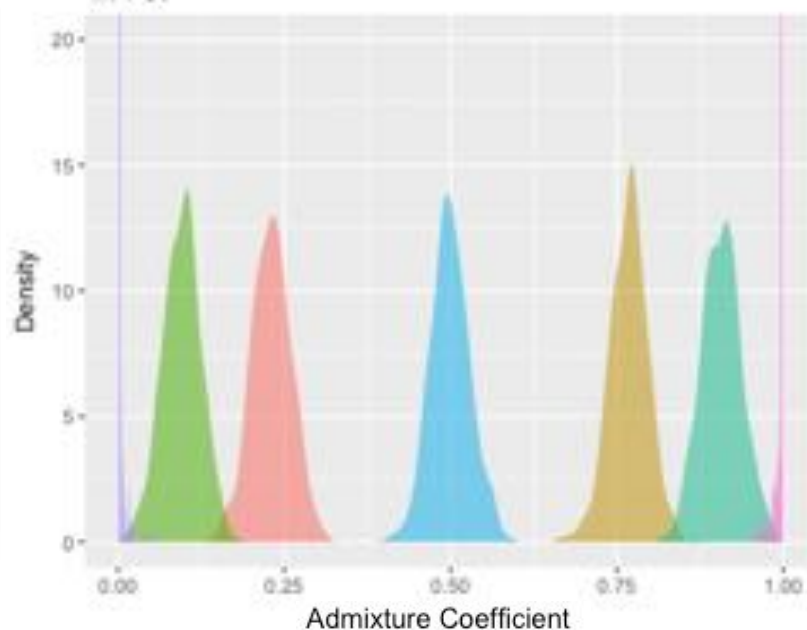
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100 Random



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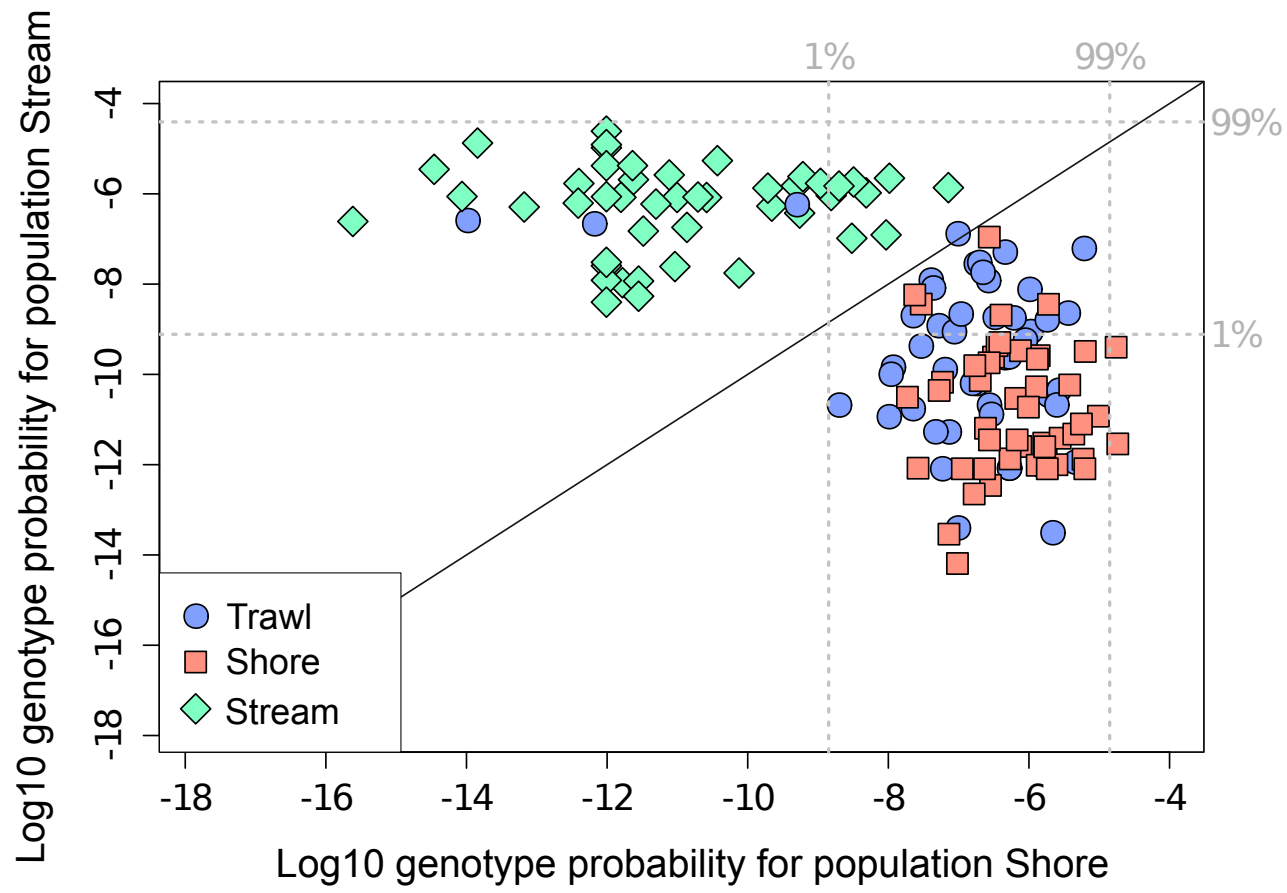
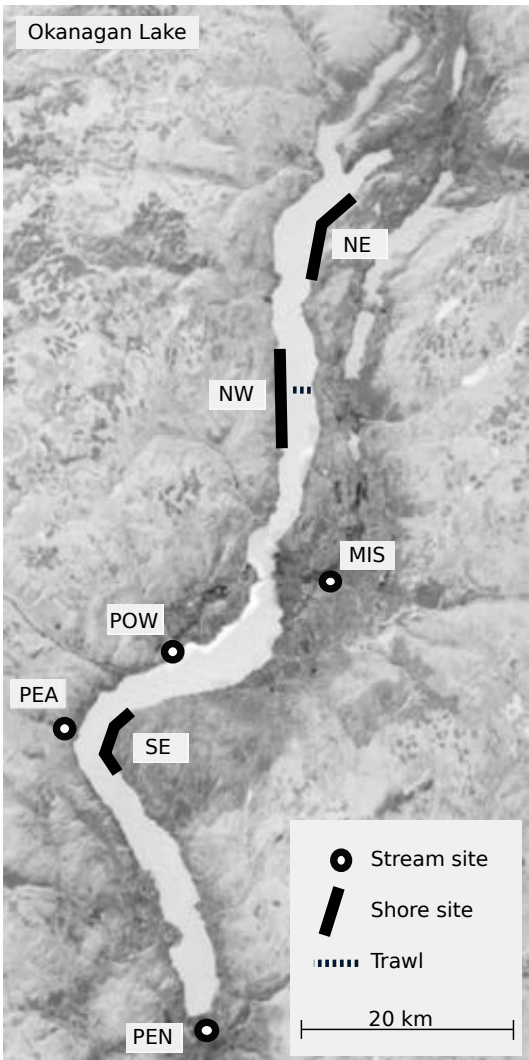


- B2KOK
- B2SOC
- B3KOK
- B3SOC
- F1HYB
- KOKSM
- SOC



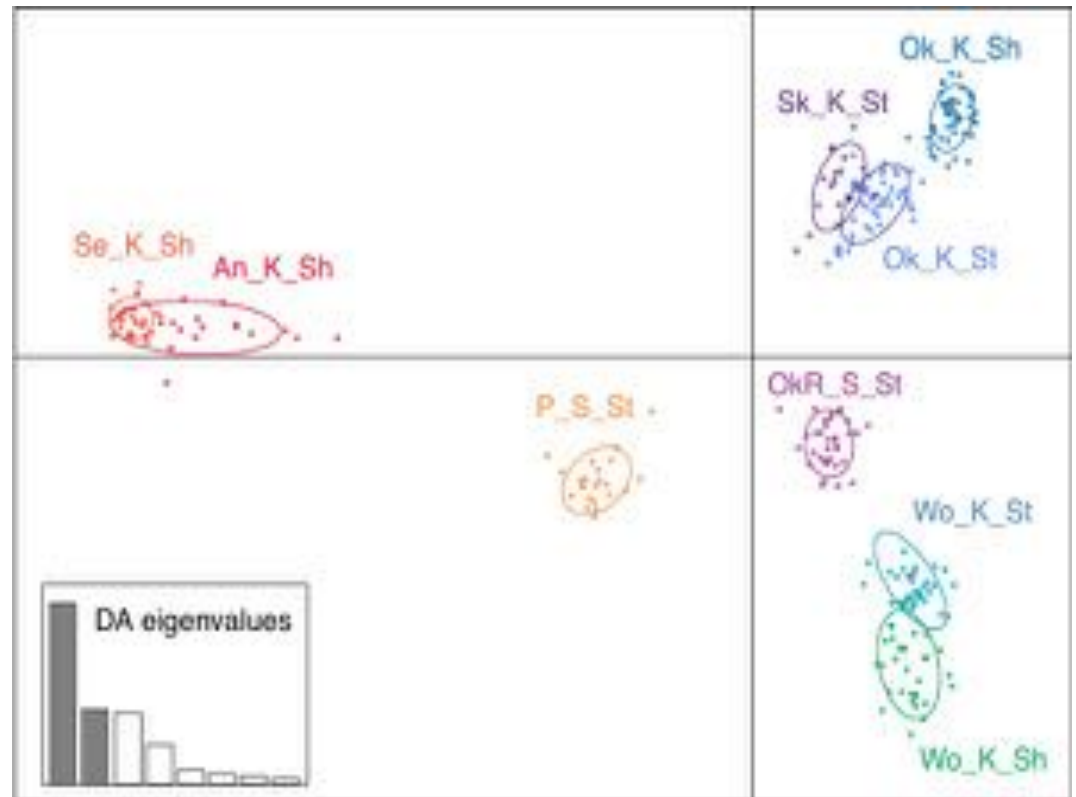
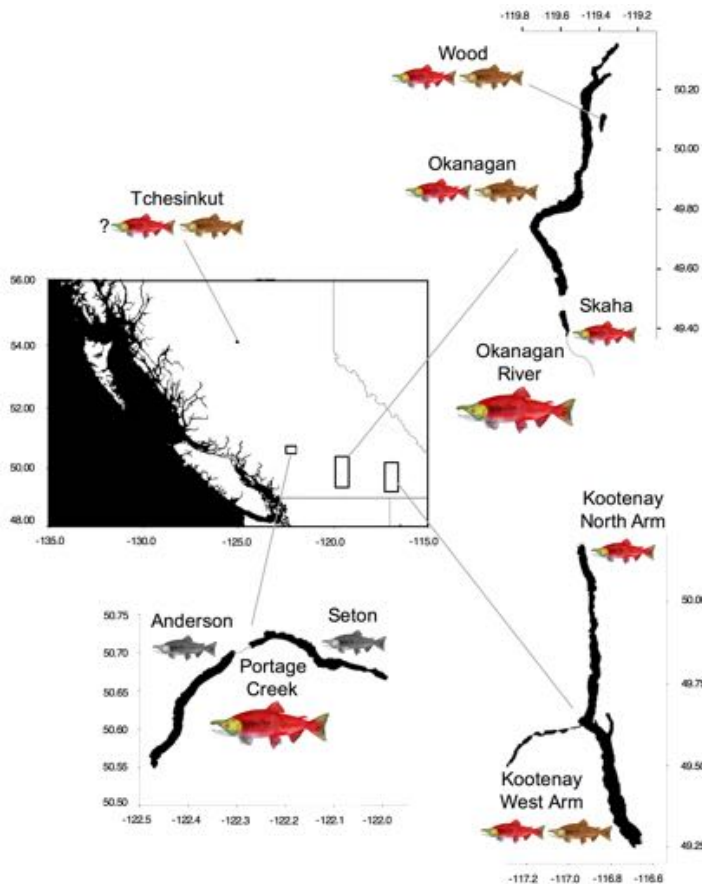
# Stock assessment

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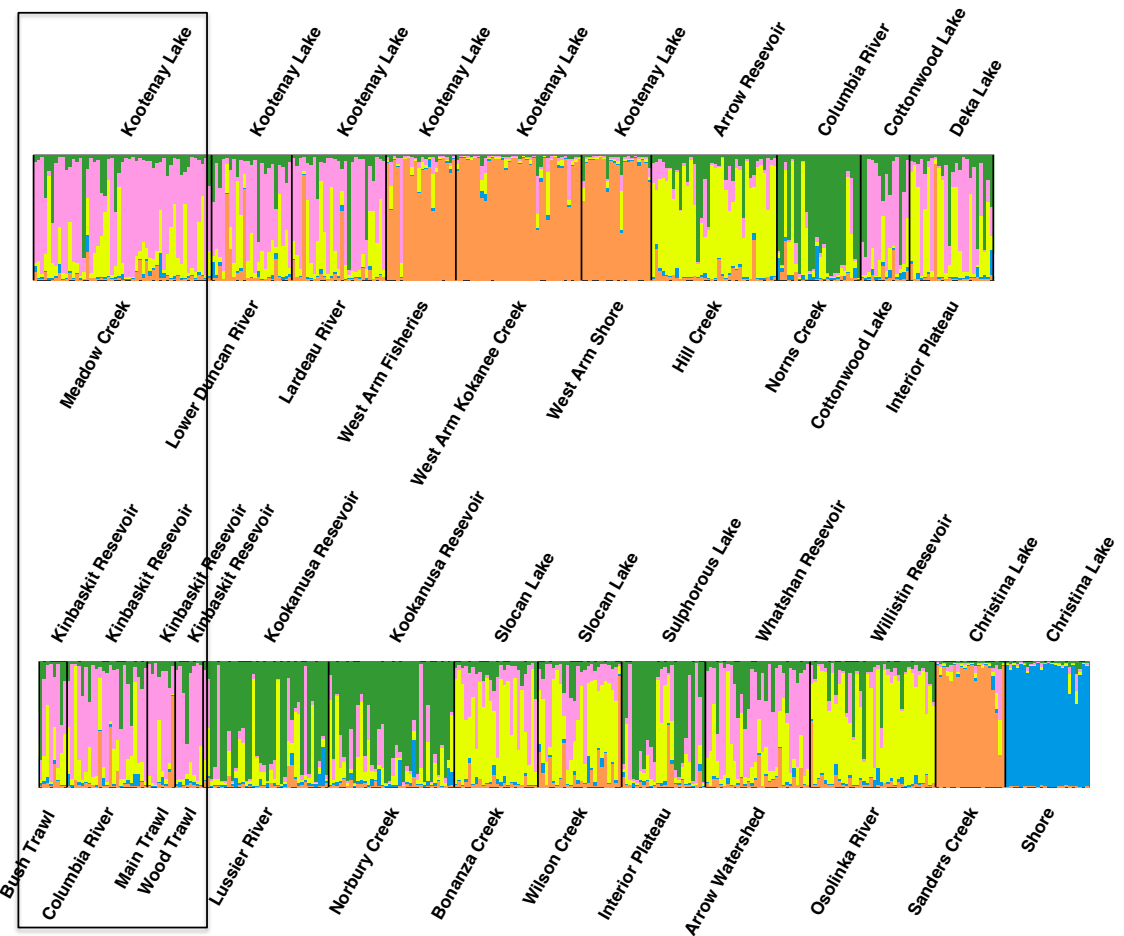


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