## Earlier migration, reduced phenotypic variation, and genetic changes in Auke Cr. salmon.

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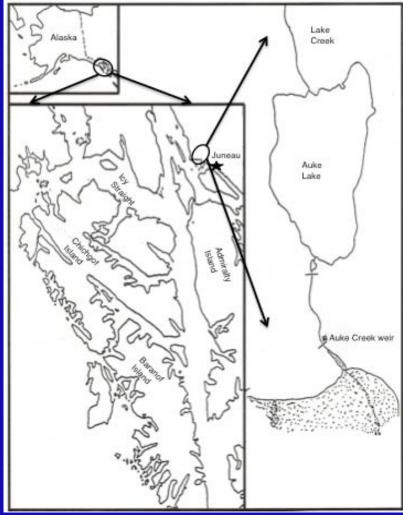




#### Auke Creek Site

- NOAA permanent weir
- ~40 yrs detailed data
- Sockeye, pinks, coho runs
   (DVs & cuts, too)





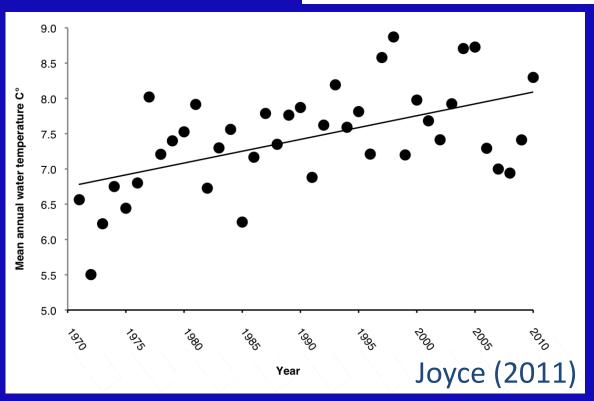
#### Auke Creek is warming.

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Climate warming causes phenological shift in Pink Salmon, *Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*, behavior at Auke Creek, Alaska

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There was a significant trend of earlier migration of pink salmon fry at a rate of  $-0.5 \,\mathrm{days}\,\mathrm{yr}^{-1}$  (SE = 0.13, P < 0.001).

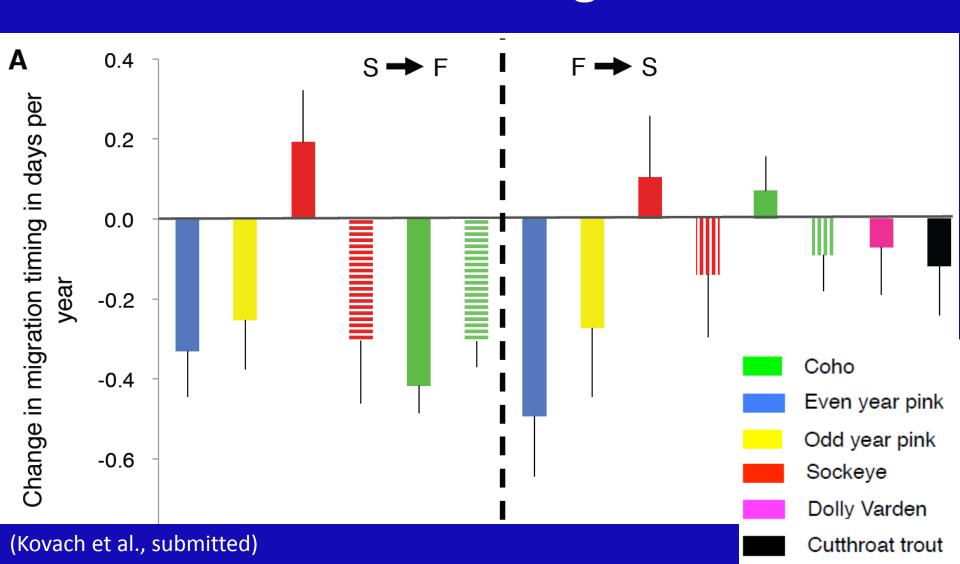


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 Creek salmon life histories/species?

 Is there evidence of reduced phenotypic variation across life histories/species?

 Is there evidence for a genetic response by pink salmon to selection for earlier migration?

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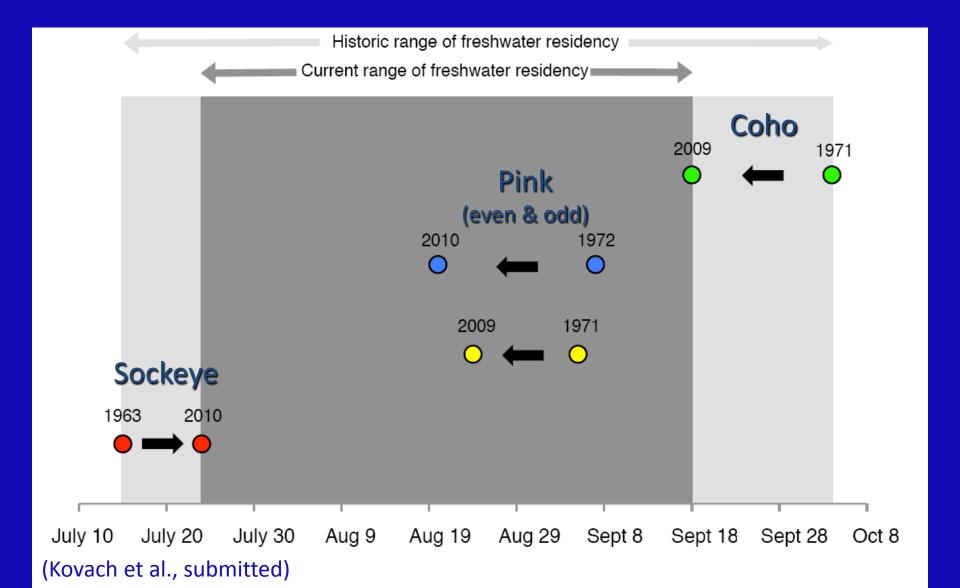
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Yes, 11/14 show earlier migration

Adult coho 17 days earlier than 40 yrs ago

 $\overline{\times}$  = 1.7 day earlier/decade

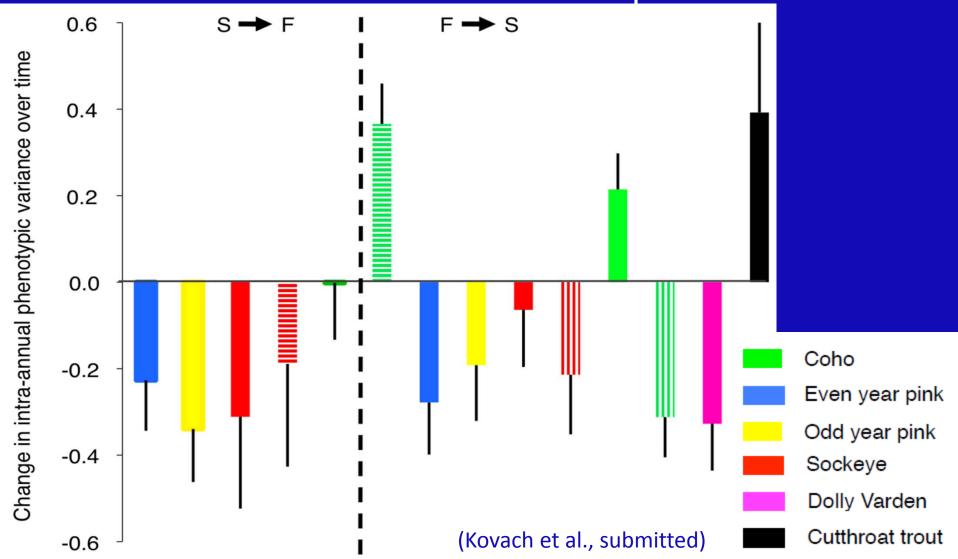
#### Adult salmon availability has decreased.



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 Creek salmon life histories/species? Yes.

 Is there evidence of reduced phenotypic variation across life histories/species?

## Most Auke Cr. life history/species show reduced variation $(V_p)$ in timing.



Is there evidence of earlier migration across Auke
 Creek salmon life histories/species?

• Is there evidence of reduced phenotypic variation across life histories/species? **Yes.** 

11/14 cases show reduced variation

$$\overline{x} = 10.2\%$$
 (SE = 6.1%)  $\downarrow$  in  $V_P$ 

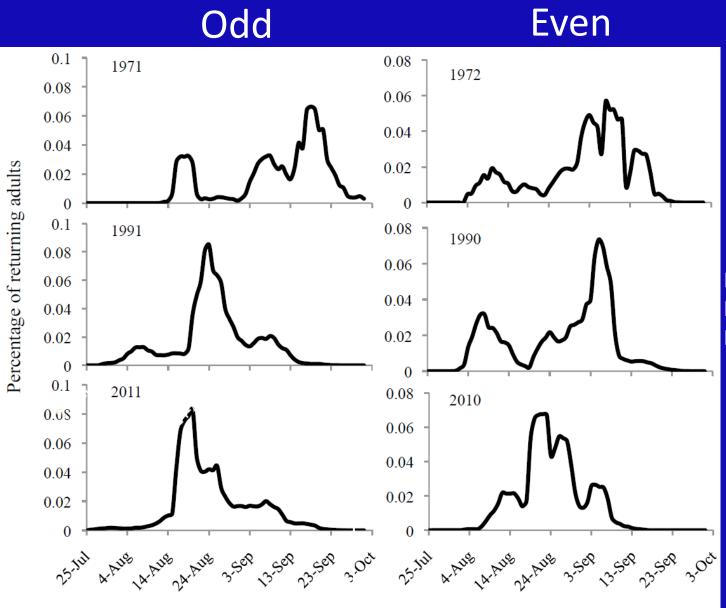
→ Plastic or genetic?

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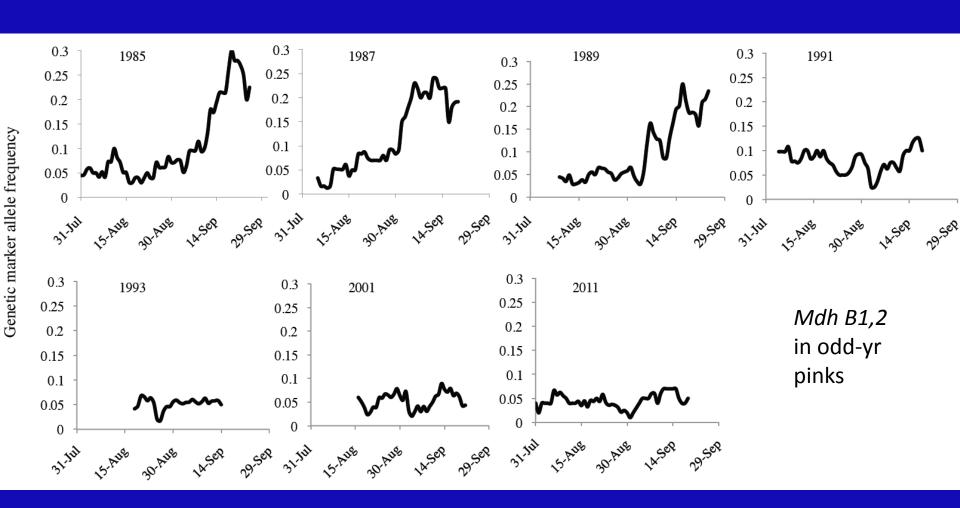
#### Adult Pink Salmon



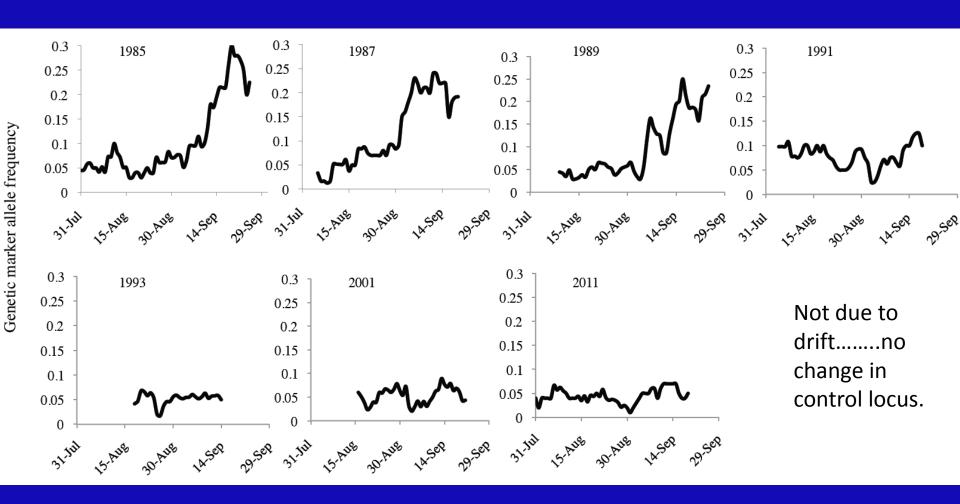
Earlier Migration Reduced Variation Reduced Biocomplexity

Calendar date

### Evidence of genetic response to selection for earlier migration.



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# Have neutral genetic change, but Is there evidence of an <u>adaptive</u> genetic response in pink salmon?

Amplified 26 usat loci in odd-year pinks ('93, '01, '09).

Three putative "run-timing" loci (Clock, Cryptochrome)

Looked for evidence of changes in response to selection over time ('93-'09).

→ No adaptive change in "run-timing" genes

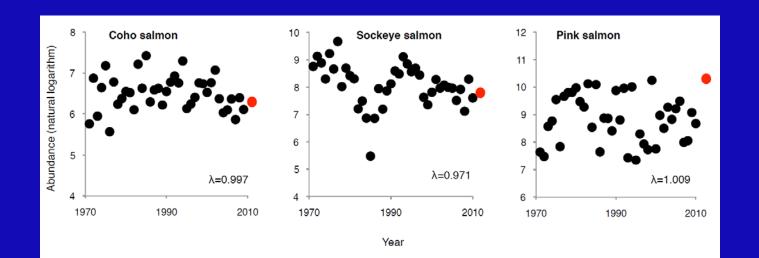
 Is there evidence of earlier migration in other life histories/species? Yes.

• Is there evidence of reduced phenotypic variation? Yes.

 Is there evidence for a genetic response by pink salmon to selection for earlier migration?
 Yes (neutral marker) and no (candidate loci).

#### Conclusions

- Lots of phenotypic change earlier and less variation
- Evidence for selection & genetic change in odd pinks
- Populations appear to be stable



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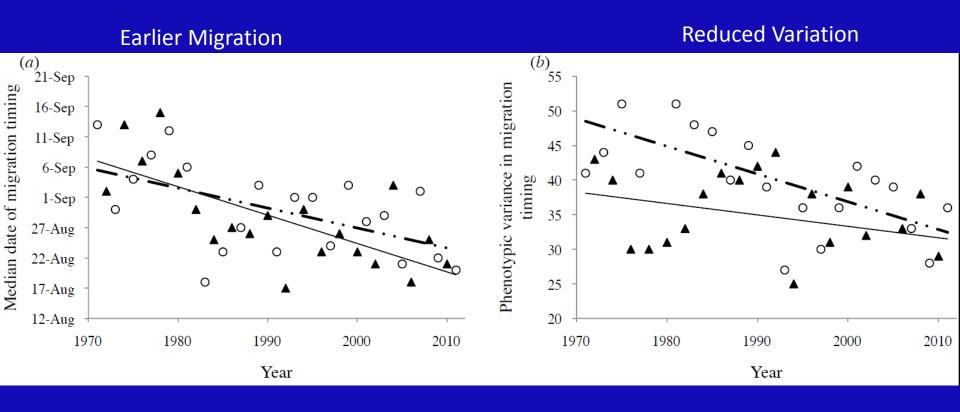




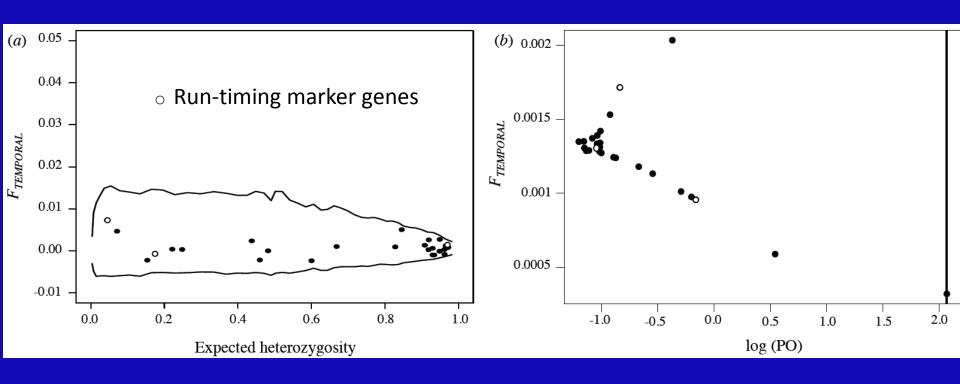




#### Focus on Adult Pink Salmon



### No evidence of adaptive genetic response to selection at molecular level.



### Evidence of genetic response to selection for earlier migration.

