## At sea genetic stock identification of overwintering coho salmon in the Gulf of Alaska: Evaluation of nanopore sequencing for remote real-time deployment

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## Stock Identification

- Needed for management of:
  - Harvest
  - Enhancement
  - Conservation
- Methods:
  - Scales, parasites, CWT
  - Allozymes
  - Genetic
    - Mini- / Micro-satellites
    - SNPs -> Highest resolution and accuracy



#### Coho conservation units

## GSI by SNP sequencing

- Genetic stock identification (GSI) by Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) sequencing
  - 1. Sequence (e.g. RAD-Seq) of representative populations
  - 2. Identify SNPs
  - 3. Primer pool to amplify SNPs
  - 4. Sequence SNPs of individuals from known origin (-> baseline)
  - 5. Sequence SNPs of individuals in question (-> query)
  - 6. Compare query with baseline -> assign to stock

## Why use nanopore for GSI?

- Ion Torrent (semiconductor) based SNP GSI
  - Genotyping by the thousands (GT-Seq) -> high throughput
  - Disadvantage:
    - Large batches
    - Complex infrastructure
- Goal: In-field "real-time" SNP GSI
  - Fast and flexible genotyping with minimal infrastructure
- Nanopore sequencing
  - Disadvantages for GSI
    - High error rate
    - Limited pores available vs. Short amplicons
  - => concatenate amplicons!







## Coho caught



#### GSI setup







# Wetlab Workflow

- Extract DNA
  - Quickextract (20min)
- Multiplex PCR
  - V3 coho (296), V6 chinook (299))
  - AgriSeq kit
- Barcoding (fish-ID)
  - ONT 96 Barcoding kit -> Blunt end ligation
- Blunt end ligation of inverse adapters
- PCR-like concatenation
- Nanopore adapter ligation
- MinION Sequencing









# Computational Workflow (nano2geno)

- Basecalling with MinKNOW
  - Ubuntu 14.06, 31.2 GiB RAM 7700K CPU @ 4.20GHz × 8
- Deconcatenate and bin
  - Porechop
    - Custom barcode files
    - Default binning
- Align with BWA
- Score with custom script n2g (Ben Sutherland)
- Assign to stock with rubias

## GSI runs analyzed

- 1<sup>st</sup> IYS nanopore run: 31 coho + 2 Chinook 🥖 🖪
- Faulty flow cell priming
- 2<sup>nd</sup> IYS nanopore run: 44 coho + 1 Chinook
- PBS nanopore: Resequenced all 80 coho
- Resequencing on IonTorrent with matching baseline / primers
- Independent sequencing of all IYS coho with new primer set and baseline

## Results: Reads and Concatenation

- 1.5 5.38M reads
- 1.5 2 x inflation after deconcatenation
- Inefficient Barcoding!
  - None bin 12-50%!



# Read distribution

- Read distribution somewhat even
  - No normalization!
- Need > 2000 reads for >50% (141) of loci at 10x
  - IYS1: 9/31 (29%)
  - IYS2: 43/44 (98%)
  - PBS: 50/80 (63%)



## Problematic loci



Homopolymer containing loci and loci problematic with n2g were excluded: 299 loci -> 282 loci





## Stock assignment

Matching Reporting Unit assignment:nano vs ion:45.24%nano vs nano:40.63%vc vs n2g:83.67%

Matching Collection assignment:nano vs ion:24.39%nano vs nano:21.43%vc vs n2g:59.18%



Reporting unit composition

#### Poor database representation!



- Poor database representation + nanopore bias
  - Poor assignment scores
- New baseline/panel -> Kynoch and Mussel Inlets and Douglas Channel



## IYS nanopore GSI summary

- At sea GSI of 52/75, concordant with IonTorrent GSI
  - 83 % SNP
  - 45% Reporting unit (baseline representation)
- Turnaround
  - Wetlab 14h
  - Sequencing 12h
  - Computation: 2-3d (basecalling!!)
- Throughput:
  - ~ Max 96 fish / flow cell
- Cost: Currently 5x of Ion Torrent
- Improvements needed!



## Nano2geno improvements:

- Include barcode linker in primer
  - Faster, less none bin reads
- Improve concatenation efficiency
  - Higher throughput
- Prealiquot into 96 well plates
  - Quicker, less risk of BC cross contamination
- Use R10 flow cell
  - Lower errors -> drop coverage requirements



## Nano2geno improvements

- Computational improvement
  - Use minIT -> actual real-time basecalling
- Improvement estimates:
  - < 24h from extraction to GSI
  - 5-10x throughput
  - Cut costs
  - Reuse flow cell -> variable batch size
  - Simpler protocol



## GoA Coho Stock composition



SEAK	46
MusKyn	15
	10
DOUG	6
	5
LSKNA	5
	2
EVI+GStr	2
	2
COWA	2
HecLow+HStr	1

# Thank you!



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