## A Genomic View of Spisula Population Structure and Gene Flow

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## S.s. solidissima




## Genealogical Species Diagnosis

## Hare \& Weinberg 2005



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Guo et al. 2008

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## Double digest RADseq genomic sampling schematic

Rare cut restriction enzyme e.g.: CATATG
Common cut restriction enzyme e.g.: GTAC
$\mathbf{X}$ Rare cut site $\quad$ Genomic interval present in library
$\times$ Common cut site $\rightleftharpoons$ Sequence reads


Peterson BK, Weber JN, Kay EH, Fisher HS, Hoekstra HE (2012) Double Digest RADseq: An Inexpensive Method for De Novo SNP Discovery and Genotyping in Model and Non-Model Species. PLOS ONE 7(5): e37135. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone. 0037135 https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone. 0037135

## Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms = SNPs



Principal component analysis of both subspecies; 4.7k SNPs


## OTU

Operational Taxonomic Unit
an operational definition to classify groups of closely related individuals

## UPGMA Phylogram; 4.7k SNPs



SNAPP Densitree from multispecies coalescent; 4.7k SNPs


## PCA of S.s.solidissima OTUs A and B; 7.6K SNPs


S.s. solidissima Genotypes by Site

Sample Size




## S.s. solidissima admixture analysis, $\mathrm{K}=2$



## SNPs $\rightarrow$ Haplotypes



## S.s. solidissima Genetic Diversity; 2.5k haplotype loci



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## Gene Flow Expectations: Isolation by Distance



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## S.s. solidissima Gene Flow - OTU B

EEMS


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## SpaceMix

OTU B



## S.s. solidissima OTU A Gene Flow

## EEMS

## SpaceMix



## Preliminary von Bertalanffy curve for OTUs A and B

Solidissima Growth by OTU Genotype

solidissima genotypes A \& B von Bertalanffy preliminary growth curves

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## Genotype B:

## Georges Bank

Nantucket Shoals
New Jersey/Delmarva
Cape Cod Bay
Long Island south shore

## Genotype A:

Long Island south shore Southern New England

PCA for S.s. similis; 12.7k SNPs


## Cluster Analysis using Admixture Model similis haplotypes <br> 1.25k haplotype loci STRUCTURE K=2 model best fit


S.s. similis Genetic Diversity; 1.25k haplotype loci


## EEMS



SpaceMix
Georgia New York Massachusetts



## Conclusions

1. S.s. solidissima and S.s. similis are full species under the biological species concept.
2. S.s. solidissima contains two cryptic, partially sympatric OTUs, diverged at the level of subspecies and hybridizing in some nearshore areas.
3. Continental shelf populations of S.s. solidissima seem to be entirely OTU B with high gene flow across all fished stocks.
a. Cape Cod Bay OTU B solidissima is the least connected OTU B population, but still has gene flow connections with shelf populations of OTU B
b. Cape Cod Bay OTU B solidissima is experiencing hybridization with OTU A at a high rate
4. S.s. solidissima OTU A has unknown habitat limits and life history (most sampling for this study was very nearshore).

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## Open Questions

## This project:

- What are the most diagnostic loci for OTUs A and B? How efficiently can they be genotyped?


## For future:

- Are there morphometric differences between $A$ and $B$ ?
- If $A$ and $B$ can interbreed, what are the important extrinsic repro isolating mechanisms?
- How do A and B differ in phenology, life history, temperature sensitivity, larval behavior?
- What is the proper taxonomy for S.s. similis, S.s. solidissima A \& B?


## $F_{\text {ST }}$ between solidissima genotype $A \& B$



