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Evaluation of effect of geographical isolation on level of genetic distinctness in beluga whale (*Delphinapterus leucas*) populations in Russian Far East

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The beluga whale is a species commonly occurring in the Sea of Okhotsk and the Bering Sea (De_cg_g[_j] b ^j 1964). But beluga whales are rarely seen off southwest coast of the Kamchatka Peninsula and are almost never off the eastern coast of Kamchatka, which indicates that Sea of Okhotsk beluga whale stock is geographically separated from the Bering Sea stock and the Arctic stock (F_evgb2001). However, the possibility of existence of separate stocks within the Sea of Okhotsk has been denied. Analysis of allelic distributions of microsatellite loci has shown that beluga whales that form the Sakhalin summer aggregation and the Shantar Islands summer aggregation belong to the same population (Audubon, this book). Of even greater interest is the issue whether beluga whales that aggregate in the above-mentioned sites are isolated from the stock summering off the D P F K D W N I coast. Although the Sakhalin summer aggregation is separated from the D P F K D W N D V Suzmer AggF gation by a distance of over 1000 km, the fact that Sakhalin Amur stock spends the winter in the northern part of the Sea of Okhotsk (as was indicated by satellite tracking data RiZ d ^j 2010) leaves open a possibility of the encounters and mating between the Sakhalin Amur stock and Kamchatka D V Z H stock during the winter and spring months.

To assess the degree of genetic isolation both between different groups of the Sea of Okhotsk population and between the Sea of Okhotsk and the Bering Sea populations of beluga whales, we estimated allele frequencies at eight nuclear DNA microsatellite loci: DlrFCB4, DlrFCB5 and DlrFCB17, EV94Mn, 415/416, 417/418, 464/465 and 468/469.

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Samples were collected in the Sakhalin Gulf, on Khar-FKDWND V, and in the Anadyr Estuary. Most of the samples were collected by the method of remote biopsy sampling. Some samples were collected from dead animals. Uniqueness of biopsy samples was identified by genotyping. Gender verification was performed by PCR, using the method described in (Rosel 2003). The number of individuals, the years the samples were collected, and gender identity are shown in Table 1. Diversity indices for all loci are shown in Table 2.

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KZoZebgkdbc/Sakhalin Bay	2009-2011	29	24	2	55
AZiZ^gZy DZfZqZIdZ/WesZhdZ Kamchatka	2010-2011	25	7	-	32
:gZ^ujkdbc ebfZg Anadyr Estuary	2010-2011	57	15	2	74

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 Table 1. Localities, years and samples sizes.

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Table 2. Allelic diversity of eight microsatellite loci in samples of beluga whale from three localities. Als – number of alleles; Ho – observed heterozygosity; He – expected heterozygosity; P– statistical significance level for escape from Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium. Bottom line: a sum for number of alleles and means for heterozygosity indices.

E h d m Locus	KZoZebgkdbc aZ Sakhalin Bay, n=55				AZi DZfZqZIdZ W, Kamchatka, n=32				:gZ^ujkdbc ebfZg Anadyr' Estuary, n=74			
	Als	Ho	He	P	Als	Ho	He	P	Als	Ho	He	P
Cb4	10	0,80	0,80	0,66	7	0,68	0,78	0,08	8	0,81	0,76	0,18
Cb5	5	0,71	0,66	0,58	4	0,66	0,58	0,95	4	0,56	0,6	0,67
Cb17	8	0,72	0,78	0,76	7	0,81	0,77	0,98	11	0,72	0,84	0,18
Ev94	4	0,65	0,68	0,24	4	0,68	0,69	0,40	6	0,81	0,79	0,71
415	4	0,74	0,69	0,69	4	0,75	0,74	0,97	4	0,62	0,72	0,17
417	8	0,78	0,75	0,17	8	0,78	0,81	0,05	9	0,79	0,81	0,25
464	3	0,41	0,50	0,04	3	0,39	0,63	0,01	5	0,4	0,49	0,14
468	5	0,53	0,69	0,04	4	0,55	0,66	0,10	7	0,64	0,75	0,11
	47	0,67	0,69		41	0,66	0,71		54	0,67	0,72	

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Beluga whales from the Anadyr Estuary population had a greater number of alleles at most loci; somewhat higher mean diversity index values than beluga whales from the Sea of Okhotsk population. Comparison of different groups of the Sea of Okhotsk population showed a greater number of alleles in Sakhalin stock, but mean heterozygosity values both Sea of Okhotsk stocks were almost the same. The highly significant differences in allele frequencies between three sample sets tested (Table 3) show that three stocks belong to different population reproductive groups).

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:gZeba f_lh^hf deZkl_jbaZp Structure 2.3.3, Pritchard et al. 2000) went formed the existence of obvious heterogeneity of the entire universal set: there was a higher probability that the samples being analysed were divided into three groups (the log probability LnP = -537.2) rather than two (LnP = -600.3). The heterogeneity directly correlated with the sample collection locations. All the three sets of samples (samples from the Anadyr Estuary, Kamchatka, Sakhalin) had a very high probability of belonging to their own stock (Fig. 1).

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Moreover, the genetic differences between the Sakhalin VWRFN DQG WKH .DPFKDWND are even somewhat greater than the genetic differences between the Anadyr Estuary stock and the Kamchatka ND V ZHVW FRDVW VWRFN

Using a clustering method (the software Structure 2.3.3, Pritchard et al. 2000), we formed the existence of obvious heterogeneity of the entire universal set: there was a higher probability that the samples being analysed were divided into three groups (the log probability LnP = -537.2) rather than two (LnP = -600.3). The heterogeneity directly correlated with the sample collection locations. All the three sets of samples (samples from the Anadyr Estuary, Kamchatka, Sakhalin) had a very high probability of belonging to their own stock (Fig. 1).

Table 3. Samples pairwise FSTs (above diagonal) and statistical significance level (below diagonal) for the samples comparison by frequencies of eight microsatellite loci alleles.

Locality	Sakhalin Bay	W. Kamchatka	Anadyr' Estuary
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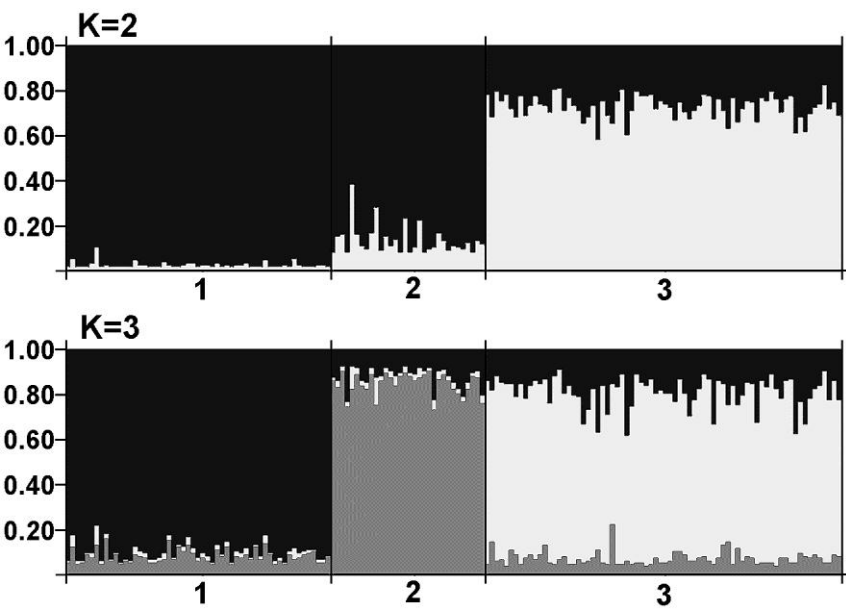


Fig. 1. Probability of individuals of total sample (n=161) to belong to one of two (K=2) or three (K=3) hypothetic genetic clusters. Admixture-LOC PRIOR model, 500000 replications. Sampling localities: 1 – Sakhalin Bay, 2 – Western Kamchatka, 3 – Anadyr' Estuary.

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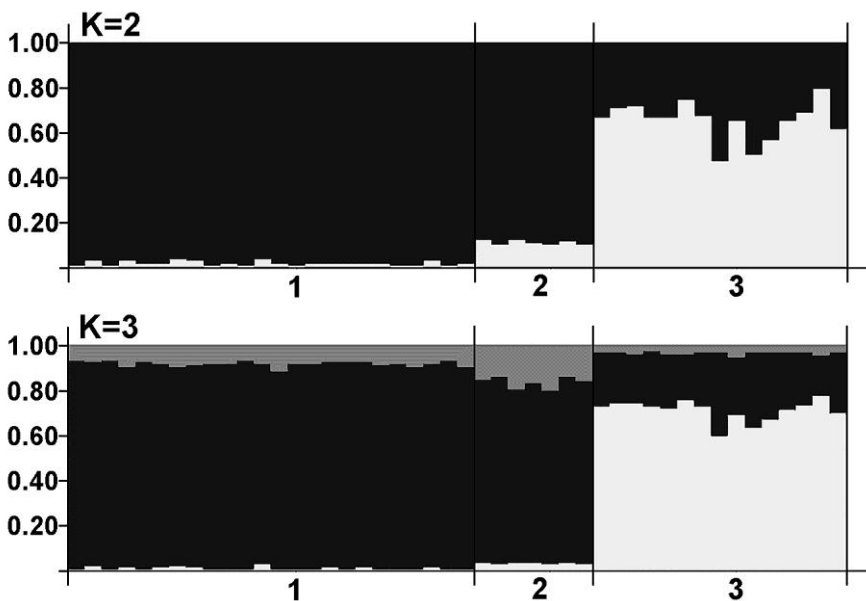
Thus, despite the absence of obvious geographical obstacles between two stocks inhabiting the same Sakhalin and despite the possible nearness of their

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tering grounds and migration routes. These two stocks have a level of genetic isolation that is as high as the level of genetic isolation between the geographically separated the Sea of Okhotsk stock and the Bering Sea stock.

It is of importance that separate analyses for males and females still showed statistically significant differences between the three areas tested. Although the level of genetic isolation between the Kamchatka and Sakhalin females (Fst=0.0372). Moreover, there was a significant difference in allele frequencies (Fst=0.0356 P=0.018) between males and females of the Sakhalin Gulf stock or between males and females of the Anadyr Estuary stock.

The clustering method did not reveal any genetic isolation between the Kamchatka and Sakhalin stocks and females of the Sakhalin Gulf stock, though we have already mentioned that there were statistically significant differences in the Fst values between two groups (the Anadyr and the Sea of Okhotsk ones) had the minimum value of the log probability: LnP= -1059.9, D=2 and LnP= -1062.2, D=3, Fig. 2. However, the analysis of males by the clustering method showed isolation of all the three groups: LnP= -2449.6, D=3 and LnP= -2485.4, D=2, Fig.3.



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Fig. 2. Probability of individuals of sample of females (n=46) to belong to one of two (K=2) or three (K=3) hypothetical genetic clusters. Model and localities – see fig.1.

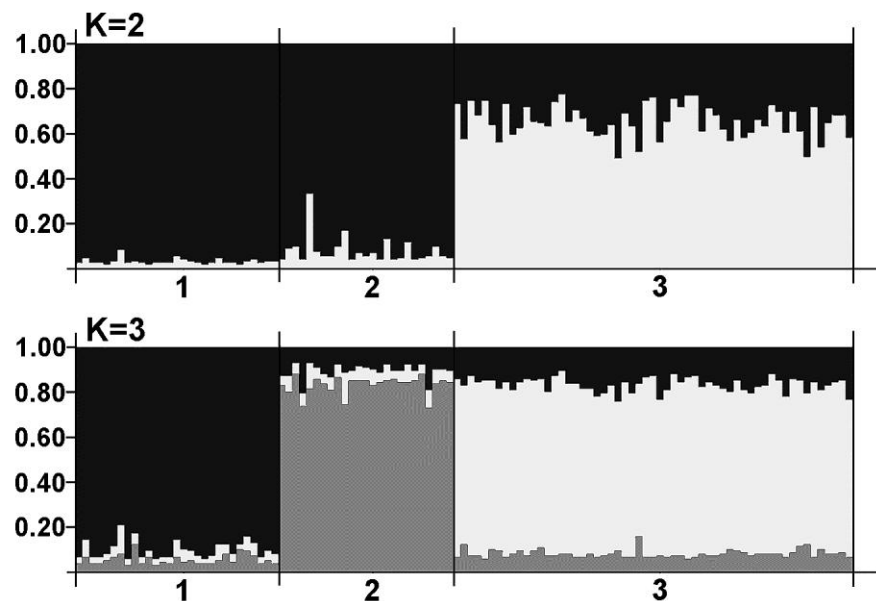
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To understand the possible causes of the isolation,

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Fig. 3. Probability of individuals of sample of males (n=111) to belong to one of two (K=2) or three (K=3) hypothetical genetic clusters. Model and localities – see fig.1.

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