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Long-term population viability of Fraser River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) is threatened by unusually high levels of mortality as they swim to their spawning areas before they spawn. Functional genomic studies on biopsied gill tissue from tagged wild adults that were tracked through ocean and river environments revealed physiological profiles predictive of successful migration and spawning. We identified a common genomic profile that was correlated with survival in each study. In ocean-tagged fish, a mortality-related genomic signature was associated with a 13.5-fold greater chance of dying en route. In river-tagged fish, the same genomic signature was associated with a 50% increase in mortality before reaching the spawning grounds in one of three stocks tested. At the spawning grounds, the same signature was associated with 3.7-fold greater odds of dying without spawning. Functional analysis raises the possibility that the mortality-related signature reflects a viral infection.

For 60 years preceding the early 1990s, approximately 8 million sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) returned annually from the Pacific Ocean to Canada's Fraser River basin to spawn. However, since then, sockeye salmon productivity has declined precipitously to the point that returns in 2009 were less than the replacement rate. Consequently, the long-term viability of the wild salmon resource in British Columbia, worth over \$1 billion dollars annually, is in doubt. Indeed, several of these Canadian stocks are at risk of extinction (1, 2). In 2009, the prime minister of Canada announced a judicial inquiry into this salmon collapse, which has occurred despite substantial reductions in fisheries harvest. Contributing to the collapse have been massive (40 to 95%) mortalities of adult sockeye salmon before spawning, both in the Fraser River en route to spawning areas and on spawning grounds (3). The causal mechanisms of this premature mortality have eluded multidisciplinary research by scientists and fisheries managers (4). However, the three functional

genomics studies presented here reveal a striking and consistent association between a powerful genomic signature and salmon mortality.

Seven of the last 10 summers have been the warmest on record for the Fraser River, and

biotelemetry has revealed high losses of migrating sockeye in regions of elevated river temperature (5). Warmer water reduces the delivery of oxygen to the tissues (aerobic scope) of salmon (6) and allows more rapid development of infections (7). Our preliminary studies also suggest that some fish are stressed before they reach the river, further impairing their survival (8). The current study was undertaken to advance our mechanistic understanding of the role of salmon condition (before mortality events occur) on migration and spawning success in the river. We combined established methodologies of nonlethal biopsy of ocean- and river-caught salmon with watershed-scale biotelemetry to follow the fate of tagged fish migrating upstream (9, 10). Functional genomics and tracking of individuals were used to correlate physiological profiles with failed migrations and reproduction. Gene expression was profiled in gill tissue, a respiratory and ionoregulatory organ that is highly responsive to stress, chemical exposure, and disease.

Returning adult salmon caught in the ocean and river were gastrically implanted with a radio transmitter—or a Peterson disc tag if caught at spawning areas—and biopsied for blood, gill, muscle, and fin tissues (10); fin tissue was used to genetically identify sockeye stocks (11). We tracked individual fish with radio-receivers deployed

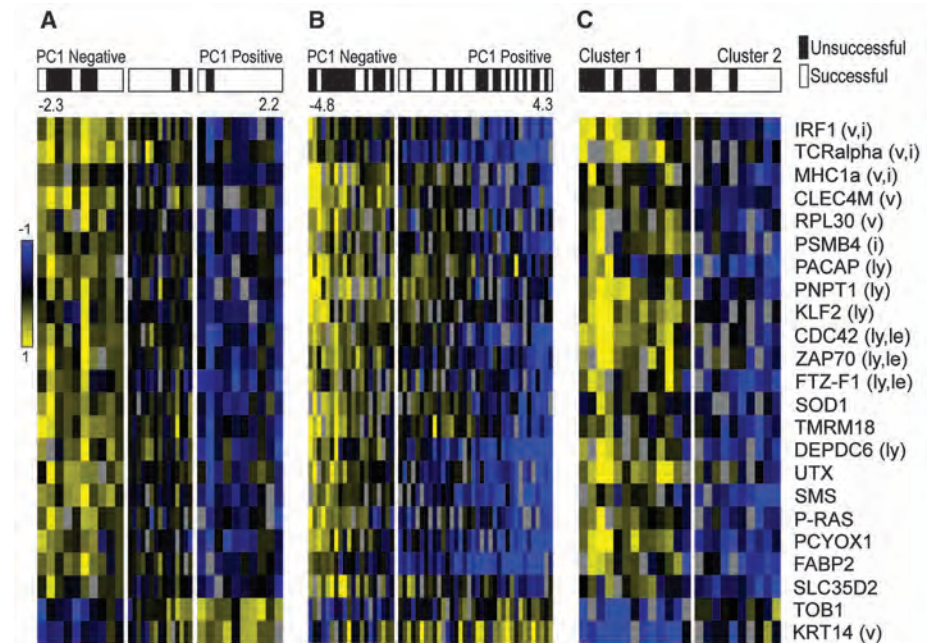


Fig. 1. Heatmaps of 23 annotated genes significantly associated with survivorship in all three studies. For (A) ocean-tagging and (B) freshwater-tagging studies, heatmaps reflect the ranking of individuals along the PC1 axis (rotational values shown above the heatmap), in which the associations with fate were strongest at the ends of the PC1 distribution, which are demarcated by white blocks. Migration success, depicted in the top bar, was reduced at the PC1-negative end of the axis for both studies. (C) For the spawning study, the heatmap reflects the relationships depicted by clustering significant genes from the freshwater PC1-based *t* test, with the white block differentiating the two emergent clusters and the black/white bar reflecting unsuccessful and successful spawners, respectively. (Right) Literature associations of genes with viruses (v), immune response (i), lymphocytes (ly), and leukemia (le) are depicted with letter codes in parentheses next to gene names. (Left) Expression levels are indicated by the color scale ranging from (up-regulated) yellow to (down-regulated) blue. Missing values are shown in light gray.

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throughout the Fraser watershed (fig. S1) to identify date of river entry (for ocean-tagged fish) and in-river fate (location the fish was last detected). Expression profiles were compared between fish that arrived at spawning areas (successful migrants) with those that perished en route. Previous biotelemetry data showed that large losses of sockeye in the upper river (above Hells Gate) (fig. S1) cannot be attributed to river fisheries, which are largely restricted to the lower river (12). Thus, to minimize interference from fisheries activities we contrasted expression profiles

only for survivors and fish disappearing above Hells Gate in the ocean-tagging study ($n = 35$ salmon), comprising Late Shuswap Adams fish released 215 and 300 km from the river mouth, in Johnstone Strait and Juan de Fuca Strait, respectively (fig. S1 and table S1). The larger freshwater-tagging study ($n = 104$ salmon) occurred 69 km upstream of the river mouth on Late Shuswap (largely Adams), Chilko, and Scotch Creek stocks that perished throughout the Fraser River drainage but survived at least 2 days after tagging (to minimize tagging and handling effects). Because large

numbers of fish [for example, >80% (3)] can die on the spawning areas before spawning, we tagged fish at the Weaver Creek spawning area (fig. S1) and compared the genomic signatures of 11 failed and 12 successful spawners. The ocean and freshwater studies used a salmonid 16K feature cDNA microarray (13, 14), in which 11,535 of the 16,008 genes have gene annotations, whereas the spawning study used a salmonid 32K feature cDNA microarray (15), which contained an additional 16K genes, 7513 with gene annotations (16, 17).

Fig. 2. Survivorship analysis revealed a significant interaction between stock and PC1 in fresh water. **(A)** Graphical representation of PC1 to PC10. **(B to D)** Survivorship curves for Scotch Creek, Chilko, and Late Shuswap Adams, respectively. Although in the analysis the value of PC1 was taken as a continuous variable, to graphically represent the correlation with survival the PC1 rotational values were divided into negative (<0, black line) and positive (>0, red line) categories.

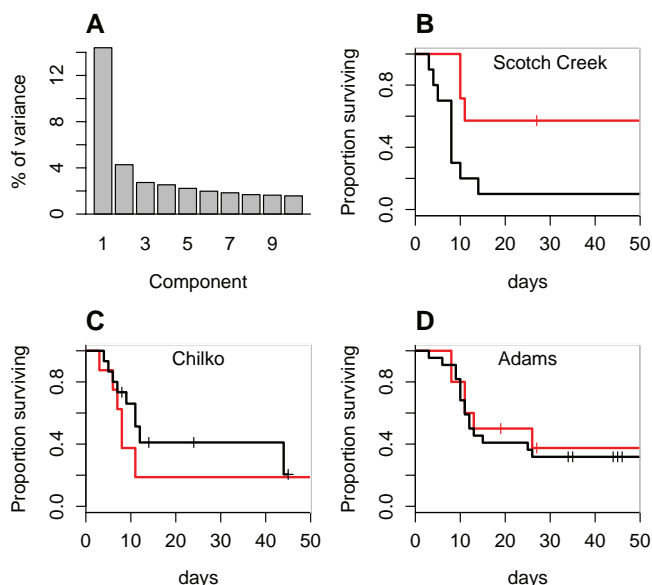
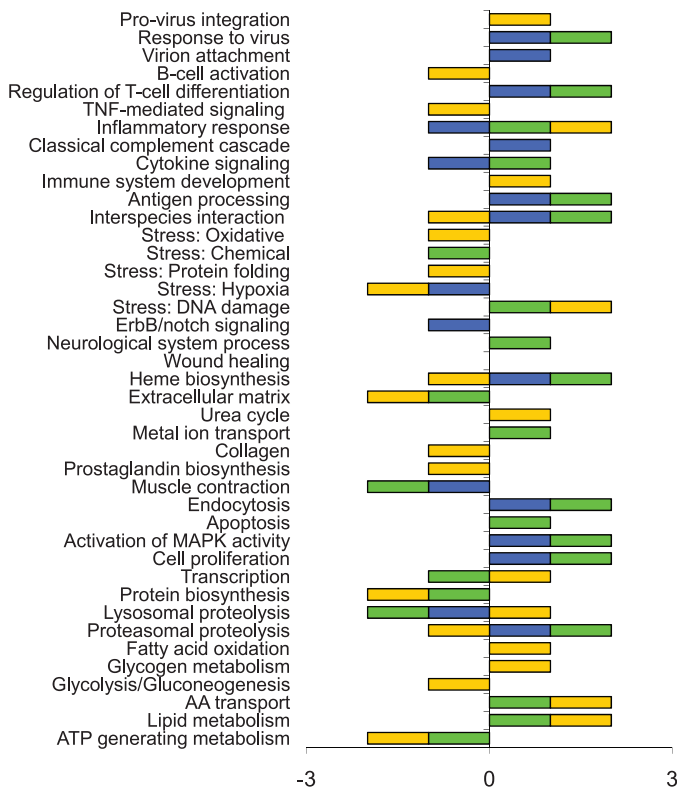


Fig. 3. Functional analysis of signatures associated with fate in (blue) saltwater, (green) freshwater, and (yellow) spawning studies. The axis indicates the number of studies in which a biological process (defined as a collection of molecular events with a defined beginning and end) was (positive) up- or (negative) down-regulated in the mortality- versus survivor-related PC1 signature. Biological processes differentially regulated with no clear indication of overall direction are not shown. A more detailed presentation is available in table S3.



Supervised analyses of the ocean-tagging data (analysis of variance and computer algorithm) to detect genes differentially expressed between successful and unsuccessful migrants did not yield a significant result, suggesting that a single physiological mechanism was not likely to be responsible for all river mortality. Alternately, by taking an unsupervised principal component (PC) analysis approach we identified the underlying gene expression patterns in the data and assessed the top five PCs for associations with fate. Among the top five PCs, only PC1 (explaining 12% of the variance in the data) yielded a ranking of fish that showed a significant correlation with survival (Mann-Whitney $U = 183$, with $P = 0.03$). Further data inspection revealed a complex relationship between fate and PC1, with enrichment at the negative and positive ends of the PC1 distribution, encompassing approximately 60% of the fish in the study (Fig. 1A). Upper river mortalities were twice as common in the PC1 negative and three times less common in the PC1 positive ends, corresponding to an odds ratio (OR) of 13.5. Moreover, arrival at the receiver adjacent to Adams River spawning areas was on average 15 days faster for successful PC1-negative migrants than successful PC1-positive migrants, 10 days faster after river entry. In 2006, successful spawners also swam upstream slower than fish that failed [20.0 versus 15.5 km/day (18)]. Taken together, these results showed that up to 60% of fish contained a gene expression signature in seawater >200 km from the river that was predictive of in-river fate, which in 2006 represented over 2.4 million Late Shuswap fish.

We hypothesized that a similar pattern would exist in the freshwater-tagging study. Comparing only successful migrants and upper-river mortalities ($n = 56$ salmon), the first PC of the freshwater-tagging data was related to PC1 of the ocean-tagging data (see below). Again, an over-representation of unsuccessful migrants was apparent on the extreme PC1-negative end of the distribution, with the odds of successful migration five times lower in the first third of PC1-negative fish as compared with all remaining fish in the study (χ^2 , $P < 0.05$) (Fig. 1B). PC2 to PC5 showed no correlation with survival, and supervised analyses did not yield a significant result (17).

The larger freshwater-tagging study included fish that went missing throughout the Fraser River and sufficient sample sizes from three salmon stocks so as to facilitate a more precise analytical

approach. Using all but known fisheries losses for these stocks [$n = 72$ salmon; see (17) for fisheries analyses], the first four PCs along with stock and sex were included as explanatory variables in survivorship analysis (17). Parametric survival analysis revealed a significant stock *PC1 interaction [$F_{2,65} = 7.30$, $P = 0.026$]. Further analysis revealed a significant relationship between PC1 and survival for Scotch Creek fish [$F_{1,14} = 4.97$, $P = 0.026$] but not for Chilko or Late Shuswap salmon ($P > 0.05$) (Fig. 2). Although the stock *PC3 interaction [$F_{2,65} = 6.44$, $P = 0.040$] was also significant, the relationship was not significant when individual stocks were considered (17). PC2, PC4, and sex were not explanatory. Differences observed among stocks suggest that some are more severely affected than others. However, other influences could include stock-specific differences in travel time to the receiver adjacent to spawning tributaries (averaging 12, 17, and 24 days, respectively, for Chilko, Scotch, and Late Shuswap), travel time from last receiver to spawning areas (7 days Chilko versus 1 day Scotch/Late Shuswap), and levels of subsequent mortality on spawning areas.

To obtain groups of significant genes for functional analysis, we used t tests to compare samples in the extreme PC1-positive and -negative quartiles for both studies. A reproducible pattern of gene expression correlated with fate emerged. 1603 genes were significant at $P < 0.001$ in saltwater, and 2762 genes were significant in fresh water. 498 genes were common to both independent data sets, of which 97% were directionally congruent and 90% were up-regulated in PC1-negative fish (fig. S2).

To test the hypothesis that the same genomic signature was also associated with premature mortality at the Weaver Creek spawning area, we used the significant genes from the freshwater t test to cluster successful and unsuccessful spawners. Two well-differentiated clusters emerged, with >70% of unsuccessful spawners in the cluster associated with the PC1-negative mortality-related signature. Salmon with this signature were 3.7 times less likely to spawn than those with a PC1-positive-related signature, despite reaching the spawning area. To assess changes in the signature that may occur closer to spawning, we conducted a t test between the two clusters; 2507 significant genes were resolved ($P < 0.001$), of which 1136 were on the 16K array, with 36% overlap for freshwater and/or saltwater t test gene lists, 98% of which were directionally congruent (Fig. 1C and fig. S2). The correlation between genomic signatures associated with poor survival throughout return migration was further supported by quantitative reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction validation of six genes (APR-3, ATP6V1C1, FKBP2, C4B, SCHC, and CYP46A1) that showed even more consistent up-regulation in the mortality-related signature fish in all three tagging studies than revealed on microarrays (table S2).

Physiological differentiation along the PC1 axis escalated appreciably during migration into

the river and toward spawning areas, with 25 biological processes differentially affected in the ocean, 34 in fresh water, and 47 at spawning (Fig. 3 and table S3) (17). Furthermore, an intensification of complement-mediated inflammatory and perforin-mediated apoptotic processes occurred for fish containing the mortality-related signature. Immune stimulation of these same fish was indicated by T-cell activation/proliferation and induction of a Th1 cellular immune response through interferon activation of the virus-specific innate JAK/STAT pathway. Some of the most consistent and/or significantly up-regulated genes (such as Mx, STAT1, IRF1, PRF1, MHC1a, PCSK5, and TCR α) have known linkages with viral activity (Fig. 1C and table S4). Moreover, 65% of affected biological processes were consistent with responses to viral infections (table S3); within these processes, many key regulators co-opted by or activated in response to viruses were differentially expressed (17). These data indicate that fish containing the genomic signature correlated with elevated mortality may be responding to viral infection [details are in (17)]. Linkages also existed with genes associated with leukemia, most notably cell lymphoblastic leukemia-lymphoma (fig. S3 and tables S3 and S4).

This correlative data set cannot be used to assign cause to the association between a preexisting signature and subsequent mortality. However, we can eliminate the possibility that this signature simply relates to the inevitable senescence of salmon after spawning because the mortality-survival-associated PC1 signature showed relatively stronger differentiation on the spawning area, when salmon were within 1 to 3 weeks of death, than in the ocean, when salmon were 3 to 10 weeks from death. The relatively stronger association with survival in the ocean-tagging study also suggests tagging effects did not appreciably influence the genomic relationships of PC1 with mortality (17). Moreover, because the mortality-related signature preexisted before river entry, it cannot reflect a response to stress of moving from seawater to fresh water. In fact, few indications of a general stress response existed within the mortality-related signature; DNA damage was the only stress-specific biological process up-regulated, as indicated by elevated expression of more than 20 genes (such as KIN, RAD51, CRY5, and NSMCE2) (Fig. 3). However, these fish could have experienced salinity stress in seawater induced by a premature transcriptional shift in osmoregulatory genes [Na⁺/K⁺ adenosine triphosphatase (ATPase) isoforms 1a, 1b, and a3 (fig. S5) and PRL, SHOP21, CIRBP, CLIC5 SLC5A1, and FXVD3] better suited for fresh water (17). Indeed, elevated chloride and osmolarity were anti-correlated with PC1 of ocean-tagged fish (Spearman rank = -0.33 and -0.27, respectively), supporting a 2006 tagging study that associated plasma ionic imbalances with coastal mortality (19) and salinity challenge experiments that revealed higher mortality for sockeye held in saltwater as compared with isosmotic or fresh water (20). As a result, we spec-

ulate that osmoregulatory dysfunction of salmon containing the mortality-related signature may have contributed to ocean mortality and possibly stimulated faster entry into fresh water.

This combination of watershed-scale biotelemetry and functional genomics of wild salmon in nature has yielded new insight into one potential physiological mechanism associated with survivorship during return migration. Migrating salmon are expected to markedly transform gene expression, given the required physiological demands associated with upstream swimming, environmental shifts, maturation, fuel depletion, and senescence. Our study revealed a mechanistic signature associated with premature mortality of salmon measurable >1 month to <1 week ahead of death and throughout the river. Our hypothesis is that the genomic signal associated with elevated mortality is in response to a virus infecting fish before river entry and that persists to the spawning areas.

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The Structure of Human 5-Lipoxygenase

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The synthesis of both proinflammatory leukotrienes and anti-inflammatory lipoxins requires the enzyme 5-lipoxygenase (5-LOX). 5-LOX activity is short-lived, apparently in part because of an intrinsic instability of the enzyme. We identified a 5-LOX-specific destabilizing sequence that is involved in orienting the carboxyl terminus, which binds the catalytic iron. Here, we report the crystal structure at 2.4 angstrom resolution of human 5-LOX stabilized by replacement of this sequence.

Leukotrienes and lipoxins are potent mediators of the inflammatory response derived from arachidonic acid (AA). When leukocytes are activated, AA is released from the nuclear membrane by the action of cytosolic phospholipase A₂ and binds 5-lipoxygenase-activating protein (FLAP). The increased Ca²⁺ concentration of the activated cells simultaneously promotes translocation of 5-LOX to the nuclear membrane, where it acquires its substrate from FLAP (1, 2). AA is converted to leukotriene A₄ in a two-step reaction that produces the 5*S*- isomer of hydroperoxyicosatetraenoic acid (5*S*-HPETE) as an intermediate (3, 4).

Autoinactivation of 5-LOX activity has been described, and this loss of activity is perhaps important in limiting the synthesis of its pro- and anti-inflammatory products (5). Previous reports indicate that non-turnover-based inactivation is a consequence of an O₂ sensitivity linked to the oxidation state of the catalytic iron (6). However, not all LOXs display this hypersensitivity to O₂. For example, 8*R*-LOX activity is stable despite a solvent-exposed iron coordination sphere equivalent to that in 5-LOX (7). In similar conditions, 50% of 5-LOX activity is lost in 10 hours (8). We reasoned that 5-LOX-specific destabilizing features may confer susceptibility to non-turnover-based inactivation. Regulatory mechanisms that facilitate transient activation include targeted degradation, phosphorylation, and allosteric control of enzyme activities. Autoinactivation as a consequence of intrinsic protein instability may play a similar role. For example, the instability of the tumor suppressor protein p53, relative to its ortho-

logs such as p73, has been proposed to have a functional role (9).

On the basis of the crystal structures of two AA-metabolizing lipoxygenases [an 8*R*-LOX

from *Plexaura homomalla* (7, 10) and a 15-LOX from rabbit reticulocyte (11, 12)], each with ~40% sequence identity to 5-LOX, we identified a 5-LOX-specific lysine-rich region near the C terminus of the enzyme that might confer instability (13). In the 8*R*- and 15-LOX structures, a turn centered on amino acid 655 (5-LOX numbering) leads from the C-terminal helix to the C-terminal segment and allows the terminal carboxylate to penetrate the LOX body and bind the catalytic iron (Fig. 1, A and B). In most LOXs, amino acid 655 is a highly conserved Leu, with its side chain pointing toward an invariant Arg (Arg⁶⁵¹). A striking 5-LOX-specific feature is Lys in place of Leu at this position as part of a di- or tri-Lys peptide (fig. S1). Although numerous salt links anchor the C-terminal helix to the

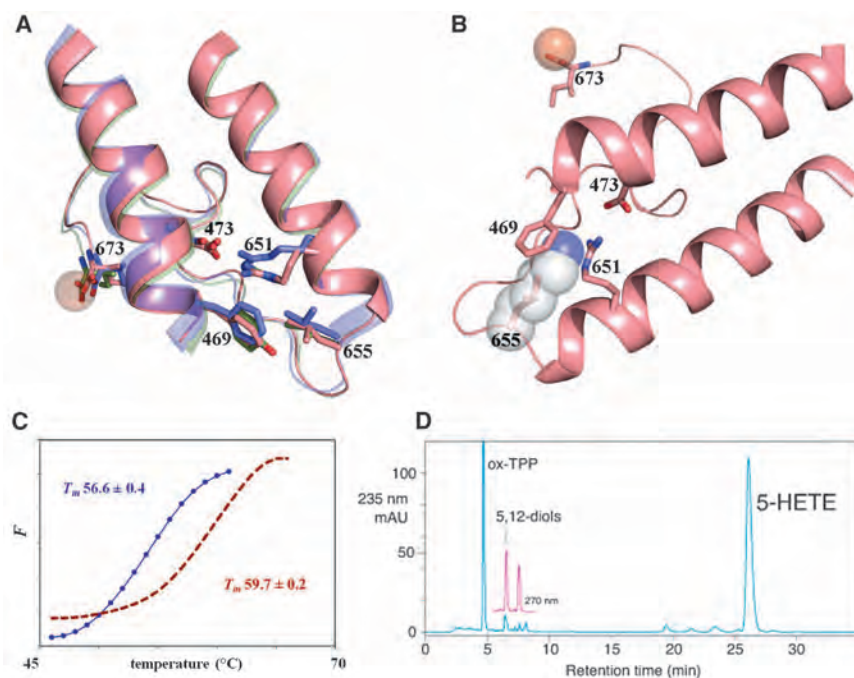


Fig. 1. Stabilization of human 5-LOX. **(A)** Superposition of the C-terminal regions of the structures of 15-, 8*R*-, and Stable-5-LOX. The C-terminal segment that leads to the catalytic Fe emanates from the helix that terminates at amino acid 655 (5-LOX numbering; Stable-5-LOX, pink; 8*R*-LOX green; 15-LOX, blue). Highly conserved amino acids (Leu and Phe/Tyr) and an invariant salt link (Asp-Arg) are depicted in stick rendering. **(B)** Detail of the turn at the end of the terminal helix. The 5-LOX-specific Lys (replaced in Stable-5-LOX with Leu) is modeled at position 655 as its most common rotamer (transparent sphere rendering). As positioned, it would interfere with the invariant salt-link and cation- π interactions. All figures were generated with Pymol (31). **(C)** Thermal denaturation of Stable-5-LOX (red) and the parent enzyme Sol-5-LOX (blue). Fluorescence (F) is monitored as a function of temperature. T_m (with SD) 56.6°C ($\pm 0.4^\circ$) and 59.7°C ($\pm 0.2^\circ$) for Sol-5-LOX and Stable-5-LOX, respectively. **(D)** High-performance liquid chromatography chromatogram. Product analysis of Stable-5-LOX reveals both 5-HETE (5-HPETE reduced by the addition of triphenylphosphine, TPP) and leukotriene A₄ hydrolysis products (5,12-diols).

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5 (*S1*) provides an overview of our radio-tracking and biopsy program, with detailed
6 information on 2006 biopsies provided in (*S2*). The biopsy approach has been previously
7 validated for telemetered sockeye salmon and does not result in altered behaviour or survival
8 relative to fish that are only telemetered (*S3*).

9 Returning sockeye salmon targeted for radio-tracking studies were captured by
10 commercial purse seines in saltwater in the two marine approaches around Vancouver Island,
11 Johnstone Strait at the northern end of Vancouver Island, 215 km from the mouth of the
12 Fraser River, where fish were sampled Aug 11-12, 16-19, and 24-27, and Juan de Fuca Strait
13 at the southern end of Vancouver Island, 300 km from the Fraser River, where fish were
14 sampled Aug 4-10 (Fig. S1). A drifting tangle net was used to catch fish for freshwater
15 tagging in the lower Fraser River at Glenlyon Provincial Park, 10 km south of Mission, where
16 fish were sampled Aug 1-Sept 1.

17 Sockeye salmon collected at all three locations were dip netted from the nets and
18 placed into a sampling trough with flowing seawater for sampling. The tips of 4-6 gill
19 filaments (approximately 0.3 g) were cut and immediately frozen in a liquid nitrogen (LN₂)
20 dry shipper or on dry ice. In Johnstone Strait, muscle biopsy samples were also taken with a
21 3 mm biopsy punch between the lateral line and the dorsal fin. Blood plasma samples were
22 taken from all fish and frozen for analysis of hormone and ion levels (*S4*). An adipose fin clip
23 was sampled from all fish and preserved in 95% ethanol for individual DNA stock
24 identification. Physiological sampling and radio-tagging were performed within 3 minutes to
25 minimize stress on the fish and fish were immediately returned to the ocean or river to
26 continue migration. Migration progress and timing of individually tagged fish was

27 reconstructed from data downloaded from radio signal receivers deployed along the Fraser
28 River to natal sub-watersheds by LGL Limited.

29 Weaver Creek sockeye salmon spawn in an artificial spawning channel which has a
30 controlled entrance and no exit, situated 100 km from the ocean (Fig S1). Females were dip-
31 netted out of the entrance of the spawning channel, physiologically sampled as above, tagged
32 with Petersen discs on several dates (Oct. 5-6, Oct. 13, and Oct. 19) and immediately
33 returned to the spawning channel. Moribund fish were recovered daily and their gonads
34 examined to assess whether they had spawned or not.

35 Through our study design and analysis, we minimized the potential confounding
36 effects of handling on our results. First, handling time by our experienced team was
37 minimized such that fish were handled for no more than a few minutes following capture, and
38 immediately returned to the ocean or river where they were caught. Tagging and handling
39 effects have been estimated in previous studies to account for about 15% of mortality, and
40 these effects are largely limited to the first 1-2 days after capture (S1-3). Tagging-related
41 mortality may differentially affect fish that are already stressed, potentially inflating
42 differences in performance between genomic signatures. We attempted to minimize the
43 impact of tagging-related mortality in our studies by removing fish that died within 2 days of
44 capture. Moreover, in the saltwater study the analysis was further limited to fish lost in the
45 upper river (above Hells Gate) and survivors; hence, only fish that had survived at least 10
46 days were included. The saltwater study also minimized stress associated with capture and
47 tagging of fish when they are concurrently being stressed by a recent shift in
48 salinity/temperature environments.

49 **Microarray Methods**

50 *Total RNA isolation*

51 Field collected samples were initially stored in a charged liquid nitrogen cryo-shipper and
52 transferred to -80 °C upon arrival to the lab. Total RNA was purified from individual fish gill

53 using Magmax™-96 for Microarrays Kits (Ambion Inc, Austin, TX, USA) with a Biomek FXP
54 (Beckman-Coulter, Mississauga, ON, Canada) automated liquid-handling instrument. Two gill
55 filaments per fish were homogenized with stainless steel beads in TRI-reagent (Ambion Inc,
56 Austin, TX, USA) on a MM301 mixer mill (Retsch Inc., Newtown, PA, USA). 100 µl aliquots of
57 homogenate were pipetted into 96 well plates and extractions were carried out according to
58 the manufacturer's instructions using the "No-Spin Procedure" on the Biomek FXP. In the
59 final step, RNA was eluted with RNAase-, DNAase-free water and RNA yield was determined
60 by measuring the A_{260} of the eluate. Purity was assessed by measuring the A_{260}/A_{280} ratio of
61 the eluate. Solutions of RNA were stored at -80°C until use for cDNA synthesis or
62 quantitative RT-PCR.

63 *aRNA Labelling and Arrays*

64 Because the tissue samples were small, we first amplified the total RNA to obtain sufficient
65 RNA to run on a microarray slide. 500 ng to 5 µg of total RNA was amplified 1x using a
66 MessageAmp™II-96 kit (Ambion, TX, USA), performed manually according to manufacturer's
67 instructions. Five micrograms of aRNA were reverse transcribed into cDNA and labelled with
68 Alexa dyes using the Invitrogen Indirect Labelling Kit, with modifications from the
69 manufacturer's instructions. Briefly, the cDNA was purified using Zymo-25 Clean-Up columns
70 (Zymo Research, Orange, CA) and eluted using the 2X coupling buffer, supplied by
71 Invitrogen. During dye labelling, samples were processed individually by first adding DMSO,
72 then cDNA to the Alexa dye tube and incubating for 1h at room temperature. All individual
73 (experimental) samples were fluorescently tagged with Alexa 555 and references were
74 labelled with Alexa 647. Samples and references were cleaned up by adding 50 µl of DNA
75 binding buffer (Zymo) to each Alexa tube and then combining the sample and references for
76 each slide into Zymo-25 Clean-Up columns. The unbound portion of the labelled cDNA was
77 removed by centrifugation at 13,000 rpm/min. The labelled cDNA was washed three times
78 with DNA wash buffer (Zymo) and eluted in 9 µl of 1X TE buffer. Two microlitres of poly dA
79 were added to the targets, which were then denatured for 10 min at 80°C , followed by the

80 addition of 125 µl of pre-warmed SlideHybe3 buffer (Ambion, TX, USA) before loading into
81 the hybridization chamber in Tecan-HS4800 Pro Hybridization Station (Tecan Trading AG,
82 Switzerland).

83 *Salmon Arrays*

84 Each fish examined in the array studies was run on a single slide against a reference control
85 that was a pool of all of the fish used in the study. Microarray data were expressed in terms
86 of normalized (background corrected) log₂ ratios between each fish and the reference control.

87 All slides were processed on Tecan-HS4800 Pro Hybridization Station (Tecan Trading
88 AG, Switzerland). All steps from washing, hybridization, denaturation, and slide drying were
89 carried out automatically.

90 Fluorescent images were scanned using a Perkin Elmer ScanArray Express (Perkin
91 Elmer, Boston, MA), adjusting the PMT gain for optimized visualization of each image. The
92 images were quantified using Imagene (BioDiscovery, El Segundo, CA,
93 www.biodiscovery.com).

94 Expression data were managed using a local installation of BASE [19822003]. BASE
95 was customized slightly to support Imagene two-file formatting. Each slide was normalized in
96 BASE using the print-tip LOESS method.

97 The number of missing values, mean signal-to-noise log-ratio and quality metrics from
98 arrayQualityMetrics [19106121] and arrayQuality [19544454] in Bioconductor were used to
99 assess slide quality. Slides were removed from further experimental analysis if two or more
100 plots were flagged on the arrayQualityMetrics report after data normalization, if more than
101 50% missing spots were identified by the SNR and missing spots report, if there were more
102 than 30% missing spots and an experimentally low SNR value as identified by the SNR and
103 missing spots report, or if the slide had spatial problems as identified by the plots from the
104 arrayQuality package and substantiated by the spatial plots score of the raw microarray data
105 in the arrayQualityMetrics report. All slides in the saltwater and freshwater studies were

106 assessed using these metrics, and based on these criteria, 6% of slides were typically
107 considered low quality and removed.

108 For saltwater and freshwater studies, the data for each retained slide was further
109 processed to remove poor-quality spots. Flagged spots were treated as missing, as were
110 spots with a SNR less than 2. In a set of slides considered a single data set, genes with more
111 than 50% missing values were removed. For procedures such as PCA that require matrices
112 without missing values, missing data were imputed using an average of the existing probe
113 intensities.

114 For the spawning ground study, normalization was performed in GeneSight as outlined
115 in (S5).

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117 **Statistical Analyses**

118 We used both unsupervised and supervised approaches to evaluate potential associations of
119 the gene expression data with migration and spawning success.

120 ANOVAs were performed comparing successful migrants with those that died en-route
121 to spawning grounds to assess whether a single physiological signal was associated with most
122 mortality occurring in the river.

123 Principal component analysis (PCA) was applied as an unsupervised method to reduce
124 dimensionality and identify the main transcriptional trajectories in the array data. This
125 approach, as detailed in (S6), orders both samples and genes according to their contribution
126 to each eigenvector, which provides a global picture of the dynamics of gene expression
127 describing the relationship between sample variability and changes in gene expression.
128 Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) provides a representation maximising variance across
129 samples and a ranking of genes characterising this variation. We used the ranking of
130 individuals along each of the top five principal components to look for correlations with
131 survival based on a Mann-Whitney U test and Yate's chi-square statistics. Spearman rank

132 correlations with blood plasma variables, including levels of chloride, glucose, lactate, and
133 sodium, osmolarity, and Na⁺/K⁺ ATPase activity were also conducted.

134 Parametric survival analysis (an extension of generalised linear models) was used to
135 look for differences between physiological classes of fish in survival to the spawning ground.
136 This analytical method is advocated for time-dependent data (*S7*) as these data tend to
137 violate the constant-variance assumption of other regression techniques. Censored residual
138 diagnostic analyses showed a lognormal error structure to be the most appropriate (*S8*). PCA
139 generated a value for each principal component for each individual fish, and this value was
140 used as a linear explanatory variable within the analysis. In addition, stock and sex of the
141 individual were included as categorical explanatory variables and all interactions were
142 investigated. Non-significant terms were removed in a stepwise fashion. Although in the
143 analysis the value of PC1 was taken as a continuous variable, to graphically represent its
144 correlation with survival, it was grouped into rotational values >0 or <0.

145 Support vector machines (SVMs) (*S9*) are a set of related supervised learning methods
146 used for classification and generalising a function from training data. The training data
147 consists of pairs of input objects and desired outputs, and output of the function predicts a
148 class label of the input object (classification). The task of the supervised learner is to predict
149 the value of the function for any valid input object after having seen a number of training
150 examples. To achieve this, the learner has to generalize from the presented data to unseen
151 situations in a "reasonable" way. Viewing input data as two sets of vectors in an n-
152 dimensional space, a SVM will construct a separating hyper plane in that space, which
153 maximizes the margin between the two data sets. In this study we used Gist (*S10*) as an
154 implementation of the SVM, with training data comprised of gene expression data and binary
155 class labels of "Reached the spawning grounds = true or false". Learning quality was assessed
156 by leave-one-out cross validation.

157 T-tests of expression data were performed in GeneSight (Biodiscovery, El Segundo,
158 CA, www.biodiscovery.com). Heatmaps were constructed using matrix2png software (*S11*).

159 *Functional Analysis*

160 The salmonid 16K array contains about 6,500 unique salmon genes that are annotated
161 (contain a gene ID and gene ontology) and cover a broad spectrum of biological processes
162 and molecular functions. By statistically contrasting the function (gene ontologies) of the
163 genes significantly associated with an expression signature with the representation of gene
164 ontologies across all genes on the array, we can ascertain which gene ontologies (biological,
165 molecular, cellular) are statistically over-represented in the signature. In this study, we used
166 the gene lists from t-tests significant at $p < 0.001$ for functional analysis in the publicly
167 available program Database for Annotation, Visualization and Integrated Discovery (DAVID)
168 (S12). An expanded Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA), which considers the ranking of
169 all genes as opposed to simply those passing a specific p-value cut-off, was employed using
170 Pathway Studio® (S13) and included gene ontologies and additional manually curated
171 pathways from Ariadne. Taken together, these analyses defined the functional signature of
172 the data. We then compared the functional signature(s) to published experimental
173 microarray, proteomic and quantitative RT-PCR data to explore potential linkages (i.e. which
174 biological processes were similarly affected in controlled experimental studies). We further
175 explored the data using the literature mining program Information Hyperlinked Over Proteins
176 (iHOP) (S14) to establish additional linkages of *specific genes* (i.e. those of high statistical
177 relevance or consistency) with physiological and biological processes uncovered in other
178 studies, and looked for common physiological associations among these genes. Given our
179 iHOP results, we also searched the Ariadne ResNet® (S13) knowledge database for protein
180 associations with the terms “vir” and “leukemia”, and included these groups in GSEA. A
181 relational network based on these terms was constructed in Pathway Studio®.

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183 Quantitative Reverse-Transcriptase PCR (qRT-PCR)

184 QRT-PCR was performed to validate our microarray results for six significant genes and to
185 assess transcription of Na⁺ K⁺-ATPase isoforms to further explore the relationship of our fate-
186 related profile and osmoregulation. Total RNA was used to synthesize cDNA. Two-step
187 reverse transcription-PCR was performed using SuperScript™ III First-Strand Synthesis
188 SuperMix for qRT-PCR (Invitrogen, CA, USA), and Power SYBR Green PCR Master Mix (Applied
189 Biosystems, CA, USA) according to guidelines from the manufacturer. Reverse transcription
190 was performed on 1 µg total RNA template and a 1:5 dilution of the resulting cDNA was used
191 as template in qRT-PCR.

192 The qRT-PCR assays were performed on an ABI 7900HT PCR system (Applied
193 Biosystems, CA, USA) in 384-well plates using 20 µl reaction volumes containing 1X Power
194 SYBR Green PCR master mix (Applied Biosystems, CA, USA) with 300 nM of forward and
195 reverse primers and 2 µl of diluted cDNA. The standard cycling conditions were 95°C for 15
196 min followed by 40 cycles of 94°C for 15s and 60°C for 1 min. All samples were run in
197 duplicate and non-template controls included.

198 The cycle threshold (Ct) value was determined by the ABI 7900HT Sequence Detection
199 System (SDS) Relative Quantification $\Delta\Delta$ Ct Study. Target gene expression (unknown sample)
200 was normalised to a reference (endogenous control) gene (Acidic ribosomal phosphoprotein
201 PO [ARP]) and adjusted for amplification efficiency (E) from each PCR kinetic curve (*S15*). For
202 each target gene, average E of the PCR reactions was calculated from triplicates of the two
203 samples. Efficiencies between 0.9 and 1.1 were accepted. Expression levels (RQ) relative to
204 an average Ct value of five fish sampled in the lower river and containing the survivor-related
205 signature were then calculated by the $\Delta\Delta$ Ct method adjusted for E. T-tests of qRT-PCR data
206 were performed in excel.

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208 **Supplemental Results**

209 *Potential for handling/tagging effects*

210 While we made every effort to limit potential effects of tagging and handling on our data, we
211 cannot completely discount the possibility that delayed mortality due to handling and tagging
212 could have affected the strength of our genomic relationships with mortality. We argue,
213 however, that these effects would be minimal in our ocean-tagging study, as only fish that
214 successfully arrived to the river – at least 6 days following tagging – and reached Hells Gate –
215 at least 4 more days travel time – were included in our analysis. During that time some
216 mortality-related signature fish may have died due to effects unrelated to handling and
217 tagging, which means that we may, in fact, be underestimating the effects of the PC1
218 mortality-related signature if it is also associated with marine mortality; this is a strong
219 possibility given linkages of this signature with osmoregulatory stress in the ocean. In the
220 freshwater study and spawning studies, we treated fish that fell back in the river or that were
221 not observed past 2 days post-tagging as tagging-related mortalities, and did not include
222 them in our analyses.

223

224 *PC1 effects on fisheries captures*

225 We minimized the effects that fisheries would have in the resolution of genomic signatures
226 associated with natural mortality because we limited our ocean-tagging study to fish that had
227 migrated past the point in the river where major fisheries occur. Hence, while fish tagged in
228 the ocean were exposed to the same lower river fisheries as those tagged in the lower river,
229 these fish were not included in the ocean study. For the freshwater dataset, we included
230 fisheries-caught fish in our study, and expect that some additional lower river losses were
231 from unreported fisheries. We examined whether or not eigenvectors 1-3 were correlated
232 with the probability of being caught in a fishery by including mortalities attributed to fisheries
233 in an additional PCA analysis of the freshwater microarray data (N=100). Logistic regression
234 showed no relationship between capture probability and PC1 [$f(1,100) = 0.19, p = 0.84$], PC2

235 [f(1,100)=0.06, p=0.88], or PC3 [f(1,100)=0.87, p=0.24]. There were also no effects of
236 stock or sex, and no interactions (all $p > 0.1$). These findings were consistent with a study
237 that determined that physiological profiles from basic blood analyses (e.g., ions, metabolites,
238 hormones) were similar for Fraser River sockeye that were captured in fisheries and those
239 that survived to spawning grounds (*S16*).

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241 *PC3 in the freshwater-tagging study*

242 Parametric survival analysis revealed significant stock*PC interactions for both PC1 and PC3,
243 but whereas analyses based on individual stocks were significant for PC1 (Scotch Creek only),
244 none were significant for PC3. There was no overlap in the 400 top-scoring genes for PC1 and
245 PC3, suggesting that these reflected distinct gene expression signatures. Biological processes
246 enriched among genes scoring high for PC3 include actin cytoskeleton, angiogenesis, and
247 regulation of lymphocyte differentiation (positively-correlated genes) and translation
248 (negatively correlated genes).

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250 *Functional analysis of the signature associated with poor survival*

251 Sixty-five percent of the biological processes revealed in functional analysis of PC1-
252 associated genes in the ocean, freshwater, and at spawning were consistent with viral activity
253 in fish with the mortality-related signature. Moreover, many regulators co-opted by viruses
254 or differentially regulated in response to viral infections were differentially regulated within
255 these processes in mortality-related signature individuals. Below, we outline briefly some of
256 the key functional linkages with viral activity within the mortality-related signature.

257 Reductions in protein biosynthesis, as observed in freshwater and at spawning, are
258 consistent with a chronic response to stress, but are perhaps more consistent with
259 interference by a viral pathogen to minimize host antiviral response (reviewed by *S17-18*).
260 Of note are key regulators of the capped cellular mRNA translation system (E1F4G1, E1F4G2,
261 EIF4E, EIF2B3) and the 25-A Rnase L system (ABCE1, EEF1D) often targeted by viruses that

262 were differentially expressed in the mortality-related signature fish, with a signature that
263 appears notably pro-viral (up-regulation viral translation (+) WARS, PABPC4, SARS1, IARS2,
264 DARS). Proteasomal proteolysis, up-regulated in mortality-related signature fish in saltwater
265 and freshwater and down-regulated at spawning, is critical for the maintenance of cell
266 homeostasis. The proteasome is also important for antigen presentation and can facilitate
267 entry and replication of some viruses (*S19*). Four gamma interferon-inducible proteasomal
268 genes with roles in antigen presentation, PSMB4, 5, 8, and 9, were up-regulated in mortality-
269 related signature fish, along with other elements of the Th1 antigen presentation machinery
270 (MHC1, TCR α , TAP2, TAPBPL, ERP57). Apoptotic shifts were notable in all tagging locations,
271 with the strongest up-regulation observed in freshwater. Twenty pro- and anti-apoptotic
272 proteins known to interact with and/or respond to viruses were differentially regulated.
273 Notably, PRF1, specifically involved in lysis of viral infected cells, was up-regulated in
274 mortality-related signature fish in all tagging locations. Other up-regulated pro-apoptotic
275 proteins involved in host-viral interactions include HTATIP2, PDCL3, BNIP1 and SCARB1.
276 Transcription of viral-co-opted anti-apoptotic proteins F10 and RRAGA was up-regulated in
277 the lower river, while the pro-apoptotic FADD protein was down-regulated. Viral-mediated
278 pathogenesis can result from disturbance of intracellular signal cascades; viral activation of
279 the MAPK/ERK signalling pathway, up at all three locations, is common (*S20*). Endocytosis
280 serves as a route of entry for many viruses, and was also up-regulated in mortality-related
281 signature fish at all tagging locations. Alternately, all three major constituents of the
282 cytoskeleton were down-regulated in mortality-related signature fish, with diminished
283 transcription of actin at all three locations, cytokeratin in freshwater and at spawning, and
284 tubulin in the lower river only. Dysregulation of cytoskeletal function resulting in cell
285 rounding is induced by most RNA viruses (*S17*).

286 Patterns associated with stress and immunity in mortality-related signature fish were
287 also consistent with a response to viral infection. The transcriptional activity of genes
288 involved in cellular immunity, defense, and viral response are outlined in Table S4, and we

289 briefly touch on key indicators of viral activity below. Although most stress responses were
290 down-regulated in mortality-related signature fish, a powerful response to DNA damage was
291 observed both in freshwater and at spawning. Viruses can enhance DNA damage responses
292 and hijack these responses to facilitate their own replication (*S21*). DNA damage responses
293 can also increase apoptosis and reduce tumorigenicity in oncogenic viruses (*S22*). Viruses
294 induce Th1 cellular immune responses, largely through interferon activation of the virus-
295 specific innate pathway JAK/STAT (*S23*). Thirteen interferon responsive genes were
296 differentially regulated in mortality-related signature fish, with 10 up-regulated (STAT1, IRF1,
297 MX, GIG1, IFI30, ABCE1, IFIT5, IFI6, CRFB6, and IFNGR1), and 4 down-regulated (IFTM3,
298 IRF4, IIP2, and PRKRIR). Fourteen genes within the JAK/STAT pathway were also
299 differentially regulated, with eight induced in mortality-related signature fish (STAT1, STAT3,
300 IL13RA2, EPOR, SPRY2, CSF3R, BCL2L1, SOCS1) and six down-regulated (PIM1, PIK3CB, F2,
301 SOS1), including two negative regulators (SOCS4, SOCS5) of the pathway. Intracellular
302 immune responses stimulate apoptosis and/or inflammation through activation of the
303 complement cascade; 29 genes involved in the complement system were differentially
304 regulated, with C4B, C1QBP, C13ORF15, C5R1, CFD, ERCC2, F13B, PRF1, MBL1, and S100B
305 consistently stimulated, and C1QG, CD18, SVEP1, PSP-A, LGALS2, CFB, and CD59 down-
306 regulated in mortality-related signature fish. Acute inflammatory responses often follow cell
307 lysis and release of infective particles in diseased tissues and signal the beginning of
308 pathogenicity. In gill tissue, inflammatory responses can affect capacity for gas exchange
309 and osmoregulation, leading to morbidity (*S24-25*). Acute inflammation was up-regulated in
310 mortality-related signature fish in freshwater. EXOSC6, MGII, CSF1, ALOX5, C7, LTB4R,
311 PARP4, IL13RA2, EPHX2, MMP25, IKBKAP, and PXN1 are pro-inflammatory proteins that were
312 increasingly enhanced in the first 20th percentile of PC1-negative fish in freshwater, i.e. in fish
313 that carried the lowest probability of survival.

314 In addition to the above, genes involved in the induction of an anti-viral state (PCSK5,
315 STAT1), viral defense response (BNIP3L, DDX58), viral inflammatory response (LTB4R), and

316 response to virus (15 genes) were further indications of an activated anti-viral immune
317 response in mortality-related signature fish. Also stimulated were genes indicative of pro-
318 viral activity, including those involved in viral recognition (LGALS9), reception (CXCR4B,
319 PVRL3, HYAL2), entry (SCARB1, MAPK3, CTSB, ICAM1), replication (RAD51, DNAJC3, HSPB1,
320 CSNK2A1, RPA1, MGLL, TOPOII, LGALS9, SOCS1, ILF3, CCL19, RHOA, HDAC1, EIF2S1),
321 integration (FLI1), transcription (ATF4), pre-mRNA splicing (SFPQ, LOC397773), transport
322 (RPL30, NCL, BAT1A, STAU1, DDX23, EIF5, CTK2-A, DOHH), encapsidation (EF-1AO), lytic
323 replication (UBQ1), release (SGTA), and viral induced stress (KIN). The strong differential
324 regulation of lymphocyte differentiation, proliferation and activation was also indicative of
325 pathogen and/or disease stimulation. Many of these genes are active in leukemia-related
326 diseases (Fig. S3, Table S4). In fact, an over-representation of genes involved in cell
327 lymphoblastic leukemia lymphoma was significant at spawning ($p < 0.05$) and nearly
328 significant in the lower river ($p = 0.056$) (Table S3). These data suggest that lymphocytes
329 may be a potential target for the purported viral infectivity.

330 Some elements of the functional signature may be due to mechanisms not directly
331 related to viral infections. Sockeye naturally cease feeding before river entry. Among the
332 shifting metabolic pathways within the mortality-related signature, some may indicate lower
333 energy reserves or alternatively higher energy demand. For example, the reduction in
334 oxidative metabolism is consistent with a stress-induced response, while up-regulation in
335 glycogen metabolism and fatty acid oxidation is often associated with food deprivation (*S26*).
336 While up-regulation of lipid metabolism in mortality-related signature fish may provide an
337 important source of energy for faster migration speeds (*S27*), it is also crucial for multiple
338 stages within the life-cycle of viruses, including viral entry, replication, maturation and
339 secretion (*S28*). There is some evidence that gill secondary lamellae, which are sites of gas
340 exchange, are also targeted within the mortality-related signature fish. Pillar cells maintain
341 structural integrity of secondary lamellae and contain collagen fibrils and actomyosin
342 contractile proteins (*S29*). These structural constituents were down-regulated in mortality-

343 related signature gills, as was haemoglobin to transport oxygen and prostaglandin
344 biosynthesis (prostaglandins regulate contraction and relaxation of smooth muscle tissue).
345 Alternately, heme biosynthesis and ADRB1, a potent controller of heart rate and blood
346 pressure, were up-regulated in mortality-related signature gills in saltwater and freshwater.
347 Notably, SP-A, a protein that is down-regulated in respiratory distress syndrome (*S30*), was
348 severely down-regulated in mortality-related signature fish at spawning.

349 What motivates mortality-related signature fish to move more quickly into the river?
350 (*S31*) speculated that the loss of hypo-osmoregulatory ability in saltwater motivates
351 migrating salmon to enter freshwater. In saltwater, Na⁺/K⁺ ATPase is up-regulated to
352 remove excess salt from the cells, a process that is largely driven by the alpha isoform. QRT-
353 PCR assays revealed that transcriptional shifts associated with saltwater-freshwater transition
354 of three of these receptors (isoform 1a—the freshwater form, and 1b—the saltwater form,
355 and isoform a3) had already occurred for mortality-related signature fish in saltwater (Fig.
356 S4). As well, prolactin, a key regulator of osmoregulation in freshwater (*S32*), *Salmo salar*
357 hyperosmotic protein 21 (*Shop21*) and SLC5A1 were all up-regulated in mortality-related
358 signature fish, most notably in freshwater. Genes generally down-regulated as fish moved
359 from saltwater to freshwater environments, including FXYD3, a co-transporter of Na⁺/K⁺
360 ATPase, CLIC5, and CIRBP, were also transcribed at a lower level in mortality-related
361 signature fish than fish containing a survivorship-related signature. In freshwater, we also
362 found that gill Na⁺/K⁺ ATPase activity was lower in mortality-related signature fish ($p < 0.05$),
363 with the lowest activity in mortality-related signature fish that died ($p < 0.001$).

364 Not all individuals containing mortality-related signature succumbed before spawning.
365 To further elucidate biological processes most closely associated with (presumed) infection-
366 related mortality (Table S3), we contrasted, within the mortality-related signature, survivors
367 and fish that died in each study. Maladaptive processes exclusive to the mortality-related
368 signature (i.e. not differentiated in PC1) included cell matrix adhesion, cofactor binding and
369 cation-transporting ATPase activity. MSN, SUMO2, RHOA, IFIT5, TCTA, and CTK2-A, all genes

370 involved in viral responses or viral life cycle, were maladaptive when up-regulated in
371 freshwater, while IQGAP1, HNRPA1, PBX2, JUNB, BANF1, HNRPA0, and GNB2I1 were
372 maladaptive when down-regulated. Pathogenic virulence factors CDK7 and PPA1 were
373 maladaptive when up-regulated in freshwater, while CD9, a viral virulence factor, was
374 maladaptive when up-regulated in the ocean. These genes may provide powerful predictive
375 biomarkers for mortality associated with the mortality-related signature in future.

376

377 *Biological complexity in associations between physiology and survival*

378 The mortality-related signature we identified does not account for all variance in survival observed
379 in the river, but rather was most predictive in the most affected (extreme) fish. In the ocean, the
380 highest odds ratios (OR 13.5-16) between successful and unsuccessful migrants were observed in
381 the extreme 25-30% of samples on either end of PC1, accounting for up to 60% of the fish. There
382 was little signal associated with survival in the intermediate fish. In freshwater, the odds ratio
383 maximized (OR 10) at the extreme 20% of fish. Biologically, this is not too surprising. Whether
384 fish are diseased or stressed, mortality is more likely to occur in individuals that are the most
385 physiologically challenged. It is also unlikely that all mortality in the river is the result of a single
386 mechanism. Our study highlights just one physiological signature resolved in gill tissue, although
387 the PC3*stock association with survival may reflect a second potential mechanism (greater sample
388 sizes will be required to fully assess the impact of this signature on survival). Additional
389 physiological signatures may only exist in other tissues. Moreover, we expect that relationships
390 between physiology and mortality to be strongly influenced by additional environmental stressors.
391 Environmental conditions, like river temperature, vary over time, hence we expect the level of
392 stress on the fish would also vary over time and in a stock-specific manner. We did not have the
393 sample sizes to sufficiently address a temporal component in our data, but expect that this may be
394 a factor that we can model in future.

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440 Table S1. Experimental designs for ocean-tagging (A) and freshwater-tagging (B) microarray studies. (A) The saltwater study
 441 contrasted fish from the Late Shuswap stock that arrived to the spawning grounds (successful migrants) with fish that went missing
 442 in the upper Fraser River (upper river mortalities) from Hell's Gate onward. This region of the river contains the highest water
 443 temperatures, lowest fisheries effects, and the greatest potential for physiologically-induced mortalities. (B) The freshwater study
 444 contained fish primarily from three stocks, Late Shuswap, Chilko, and Scotch Creek, and included fish that went missing throughout
 445 the Fraser River basin. Fishing losses were defined as fish reported as caught in in-river fisheries. Lower river mortalities were fish
 446 that went missing below Hells Gate. We expect that lower river losses could include both natural mortalities and unreported fisheries.

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Fate	Johnstone Strait	Juan de Fuca Strait
Surviving migrants	18	7
Upper river mortalities	7	3
Total	25	10

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Fate	Total Numbers		Late Shuswap		Chilko		Scotch Creek		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Surviving migrants	15	8	8	3	5	2	2	3	0	3
Fisheries losses	10	19	5	7	4	6	1	6	0	0
Lower river mortalities	5	11	4	2	1	5	0	4	0	0
Upper river mortalities	18	14	9	6	7	3	3	5	0	0
Total by sex	49	55	26	18	17	16	6	18	0	3
Total by stock			44		33		24		3	
Total slides	104									

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458 Table S2. Quantitative RT-PCR validation of six genes significantly up-regulated in PC1 negative mortality-related signature (MRS)
 459 relative to PC1 positive survival-related signature (SRS) class fish. Significant p-values are bolded, with an asterisk (*) indicating
 460 differences that were not resolved (at $p < 0.001$) on microarrays. Fold changes were calculated from fish used in t-tests. Sample
 461 locations are abbreviated as follows: Ocean-tagging (SW) sites include Juan de Fuca Strait (JDFS) and Johnstone Strait (JS), while
 462 freshwater-tagging (FW) was performed at Whonnock (W). For the qRT-PCR, the two ocean tagging sites are shown separately.
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Gene Name	Gene Symbol	Accession Number(s)	Function	qRT-PCR: Significance between MRS and SRS classified individuals				Microarray: Significant fold changes between MRS/SRS classified individuals			Primers
				JDFS	JS	W	Spawn	SW	FW	Spawn	
Apoptosis-related protein 3	APR-3	CA055280	apoptosis	0.028	0.000	0.002	0.124	1.814	3.127		F-ACAGATGTCGGTCTGGTTGC R-ACCTGTCCAGGAGGCAATGC
Vacuolar ATP synthase subunit C	ATP6V1C1	CB512532	proton transport, host-virus interaction	0.044	0.001	0.180	0.007*	1.276	0.965		F-ACCACCCGCAACAACAACC R-GACACCTTCTCACCACACCTT
Peptidyl-prolyl cis-trans isomerase C	FKBP2	CB516817, CK990954, CA064475, CA052011	protein folding	0.035	0.000	0.002	0.062	1.025	2.878		F-GAGTTTGACAGCAGCATTCCAAG R-AGTTTCCTCTTCTCCTCCACAC
Complement C4-1	C4B	CA060294, CB518123, DW539321	complement cascade, defense response, positive regulation of phagocytosis	0.057	0.000	0.037	0.029	1.887	2.958	1.968	F-TTGCGTTGGTTGTTTCACTG R-AGACAGGATGACATAACAGTGGAG
Succinate dehydrogenase cytochrome b560 subunit	SCHC	CB504264	TCA, electron transport	0.009	0.001	0.016*	0.011*	0.706			F-AGCTAAGTTTGGCATTGCCTTCC R-CCCAGCGATACACCTCAGG
Cytochrome p450 46A	CYP46A1	CA053404, CA769694	lipid metabolism, electron transport	0.003*	0.194	0.088	0.145		1.775		F-TCTTCAACCTGTTTGGACAGAGG R-CAGGTACAGACTGCTGAAGGC
Acidic ribosomal phosphoprotein P0	ARP	CA045397	Housekeeping Gene								F-GAAGGCTGTGGTGCATGG R-TCCTCTTGGTGAAGACAAAGC

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469 Table S3. Functional analysis of the signatures associated with fate in ocean (SW), freshwater (FW), and spawning (SG)
470 tagging studies. Analyses were performed in Database for Annotation, Visualization and Integrated Discovery (DAVID; *12*)
471 and Pathway Studio® (*13*), based on SW, FW, and SG t-test gene lists. Up- and down-regulated genes ($p < 0.001$) within
472 each dataset were analysed separately within DAVID against the backdrop of the 16K (SW and FW) or 32K (spawning)
473 feature microarrays, with annotations based on UniProt IDs. In Pathway Studio, analyses were performed using 1) the
474 entire gene list with fold-change used to rank genes, 2) based on up- and down-regulated genes ($p < 0.001$), and 3) based
475 on enriched sub-networks (biological processes [pathways] significant only in this analysis are highlighted with an
476 asterisk). Biological processes associated with poor survivorship within the PC1 mortality-related signature (MRS) were
477 generated from DAVID analysis of t-tests between fish that survived to spawning areas (successful migrants) versus those
478 that perished en-route (unsuccessful migrants) in SW and FW-tagging studies or successful versus unsuccessful spawners
479 ($p < 0.01$). Processes up-regulated in MRS fish or mortality within the MRS are highlighted in yellow, down-regulated in
480 blue, and differentially regulated with no particular direction in grey.

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MRS-SRS Significance						Poor Survival					
SW	FW	SG	Pathways	DAVID	Pathway Studio	SW	FW	SG	Stress	Viral Response	Other
METABOLISM											
<0.05	<0.05		Cellular metabolism/cellular protein metabolism	x		0.05	<0.05				metabolism down in senescence
<0.001	<0.001		ATP generating metabolism/Oxidative phosphorylation	x	x	0.05	0.05		down-regulated under stress		down-regulated with senescence
<0.01	<0.01		Lipid metabolism/biosynthesis--membrane lipid bilayers	x	x		<0.05			viral life-cycle	
<0.05	<0.01		AA transport/metabolism	x	x						starvation
	<0.001		Insulin action		x				up-regulated under stress		
	<0.01		Glycolysis		x						
	<0.05		Gluconeogenesis		x					HIV impairs glucose metabolism	
	<0.05		Glycogen metabolism		x		<0.05				starvation
	<0.01		Fatty acid oxidation		x						starvation
	<0.05		Carbohydrate metabolism	x			<0.05				
GENE EXPRESSION											
<0.05	<0.05		Transcription	x	x						
<0.001			Nucleotide and ribonucleotide biosynthesis								
PROTEINS											
<0.05	<0.05	<0.001	Ubiquitin-dependent protein catabolic process	x	x				heat shock activates	role in antigen presentation, can be blocked by viruses	down-regulated with senescence
<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	Cysteine/serine-threonine proteinase/lysosome	x							
<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	Translation/protein biosynthesis	x	x	<0.01	<0.001		down-regulated under stress	viral mediated inhibition to enhance replication, evasion	down-regulated with senescence
	<0.01	<0.001	Translation elongation	x	x						
CELLULAR PROCESSES											
<0.01	<0.001	<0.001	Cell proliferation		x	<0.05			heat stress activates (gill)	numerous avenues of control by viruses	leukemia/cancer
<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	Apoptosis/cytolysis	x	x				stress activation	limit viral replication, viral controlled release	leukemia/cancer
<0.001	<0.01	<0.05	Activation of MAPK activity		x					virus infection can induce and sustain activation of the ERK/MAPK pathway	
<0.01	<0.001	<0.01	Endocytosis		x					viral entry	
	<0.01	<0.05	Actin/cytoskeleton/extracellular matrix	x		<0.05	<0.05			viral-mediated disruption leads to cell rounding	actin down-regulated in gill with senescence
BLOOD PROCESSES											
<0.001	<0.01	<0.05	Heme biosynthesis	x	x					correlated with viral production	
<0.05	<0.001	<0.05	Angiogenesis/wound healing	x	x						
<0.001		<0.05	Response to hypoxia	x	x						
SIGNALING											
	<0.05		Neurological system process	x							
<0.01			ErbB/notch signaling and calmodulin binding	x	x				heat stress repressed (gill)	oncogenic viruses up-regulate	

STRESS AND DISEASE									
<0.01	<0.01		Stress: Protein folding	x	x	<0.05	general, heat shock		
	<0.001	<0.001	Stress: DNA damage					can be hijacked to enhance viral replication (Herpes), activates an anti-cancer barrier in virus induced malignancies (KSHV)	cellular homeostasis under stress
	<0.05		Stress: Chemical/hormone/temperature	x		<0.05	toxins, heat shock		
		<0.001	Response to stimulus	x		<0.05			
			Oxidative stress		x				
			Iron storage/ferritin	x	x	<0.01			
NA*	NA*	NA*	Antigen processing and presentation			<0.05	<0.05	pathogen activation	adaptive immunity down-regulated with senescence
<0.001	<0.001	<0.05	Interspecies interaction between organisms		x				
		<0.05	Immune system development/regulation/process	x				stress activation	pathogen activation
<0.001	0.063		Cytokine signaling		x			injury activation	
<0.01			Classical complement cascade	x	x			injury, stress activation	pathogen activation
<0.01	<0.01	<0.05	Inflammatory response		x			injury, stress activation	
		<0.05	Tumor necrosis factor-mediated signaling pathway		x			general stress activation	
<0.001*			Virion attachment, binding of host cell surface receptor					anti-viral apoptosis	Viral entry
<0.05*			Regulation of defense response to virus by virus		x			viral control of host immune response	
	<0.01*	<0.001*	Response to virus	x	x			host response to virus	
		<0.05	Pro-virus integration		x			retroviruses	
		<0.05	Viral life cycle		x			viral	
<0.01	<0.01	<0.05	Regulation of T-cell differentiation		x			pathogen activation	leukemia/cancer
<0.001*		<0.05	T-cell proliferation		x			viral proteins can regulate	leukemia/cancer
<0.001*	<0.001	<0.001	B-cell activation		x			viral proteins can regulate	leukemia/cancer
<0.001*		<0.05	B Lymphocyte proliferation		x			pathogen activation	leukemia/cancer
	0.056	<0.05	Cell Lymphoblastic Leukemia-Lymphoma		x			Leukemia virus	leukemia/cancer
OTHER									
<0.05	0.054	<0.05	Muscle proteins/muscle contraction	x					
<0.05	<0.01	<0.05	Regulation of heart contraction/heart rate/vasodilation		x				down-regulation may signal dysfunctional gas exchange in gill
		<0.01	Prostaglandin biosynthetic process						
		<0.05	Collagen						
	<0.05	<0.05	Transport/localization	x	x				
	<0.01		Metal ion transport	x					
		<0.05	Urea cycle	x		<0.05			
			Cofactor binding	x		<0.01			
			Cell matrix adhesion	x		<0.05			
			ATPase activity/hydrolase activity	x		<0.05			

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485 Table S4. Genes significantly ($p < 0.001$) differentiating the mortality-related signature
486 (MRS) from the survival-related signature (SRS) in PC1 of fish in the ocean (SW),
487 freshwater (FW) and spawning (SG) studies involved in anti- and pro-viral processes,
488 leukemia, inflammation and general immunity. Associations were determined through
489 gene ontologies and literature mining in iHOP (14) and ResNet/Pathway Studio® (13).
490 To reduce redundancy, genes annotating to multiple immune/inflammatory pathways
491 were shown only once. For example, many genes involved in the complement cascade
492 are also involved in innate and humoral immunity and inflammatory responses. Genes
493 without uniprot IDs were not included in DAVID functional analyses, and those without
494 gene symbols were not included in Pathway Studio® analyses. Full gene annotations
495 for the 16K GRASP and 32K cGRASP microarrays are provided at (S33). Fold change
496 values reflect MRS versus SRS class fish used in t-tests, with yellow indicating genes
497 up-regulated in MRS fish and blue down-regulated. Note that salmon are residual
498 tetraploid, hence most genes carry duplicated copies. All significant expressed
499 sequence tags (ESTs) are shown, some of which represent duplicated copies of the
500 same gene and others duplicated genes. There is no attempt to distinguish the two.
501 However, we expect that duplicated genes, especially those involved in immune
502 responses, can show divergent expression patterns consistent with new evolving
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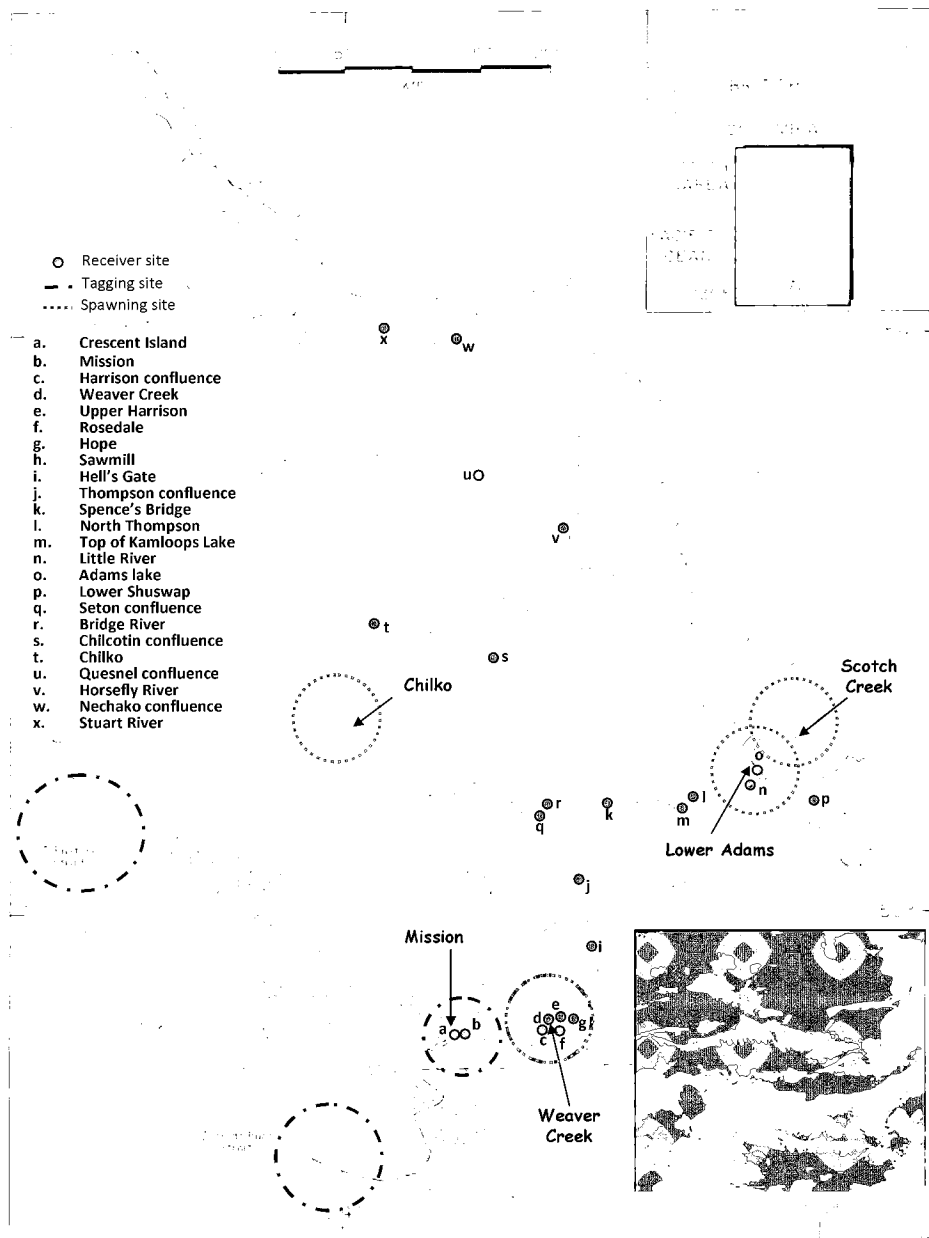
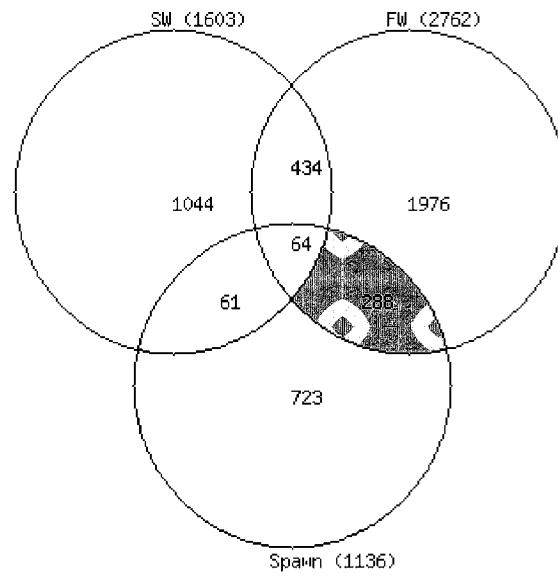


Figure S1. Map shows tagging locations (blue circles), receiver locations (red dots) and spawning sites (green circles) of Fraser River stocks used in genomic studies. Hells Gate (i), a challenging river passage through a narrow canyon of intense water flow, demarcates the upper and lower Fraser River basin. Because most major fisheries occur in the lower river and the highest river temperatures occur in the upper river, physiologically-based mortality may have a more profound effect in the upper river. Note that the last receiver to track Chilko stock fish (t) was 7-13 days travel time to the spawning area whereas the last receivers for Scotch and Late Shuswap stocks (n and o) were less than 1 day travel time to spawning areas.

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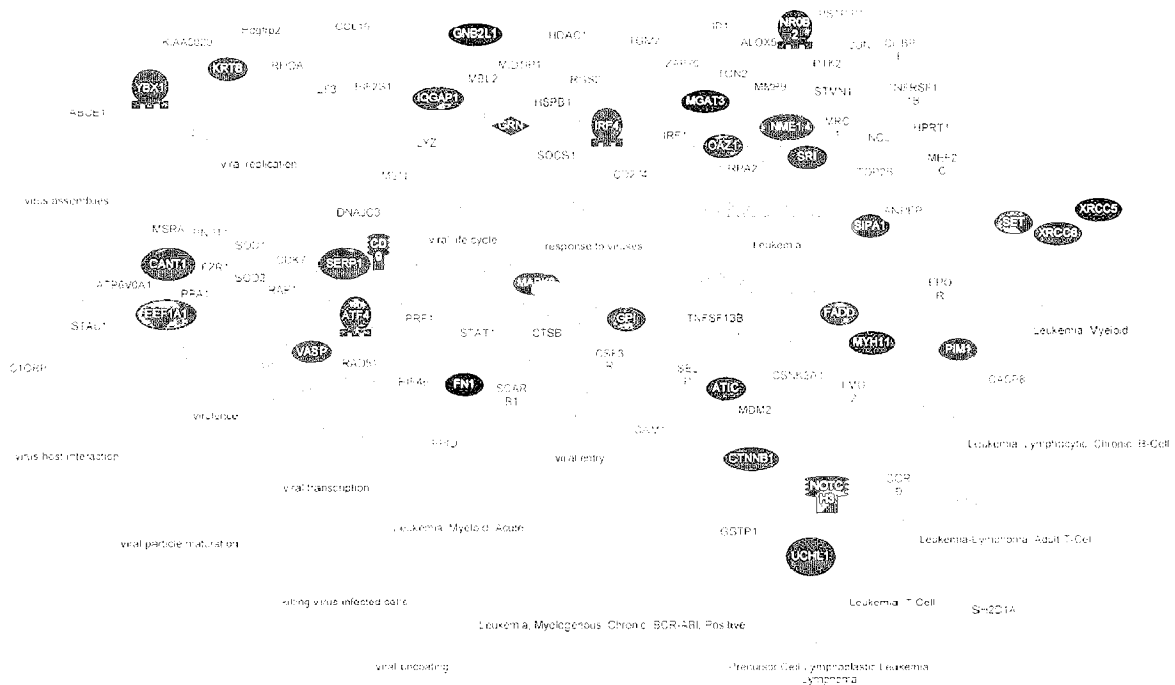


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555 Figure S2. Venn diagram showing the overlap between genes significant ($p < 0.001$) in PC1-based
556 t-tests in saltwater (SW), freshwater (FW) and the Weaver Creek spawning area. Overlapping
557 genes were >97% directionally congruent.

Linkages of Gill FW Genes ($p < 0.001$) with Leukemia, Viruses and Pathogen Virulence

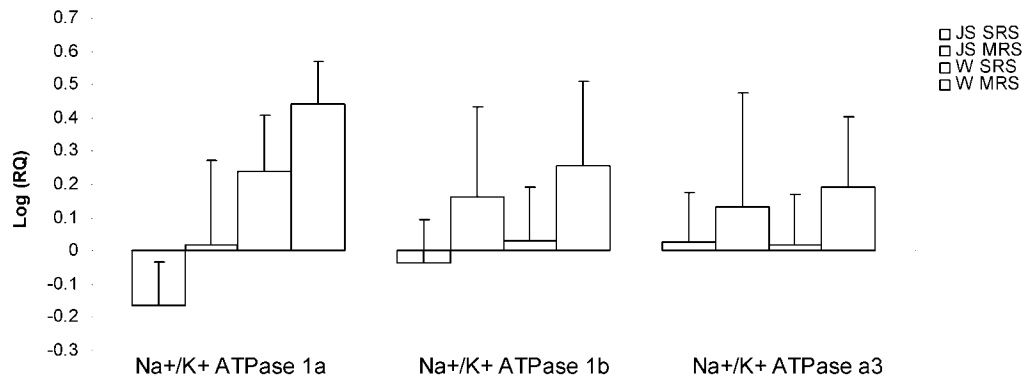


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560 Figure S3. Pathway Studio network representation of linkages between genes significantly ($p < 0.001$) differentiating PC1 negative
561 mortality-related signature and PC1 positive survival-related signature classes of fish in the lower Fraser River with viral-related
562 processes, leukemia, and pathogen virulence. Some additional relationships depicted in Table S3 were identified through iHOP and
563 are not shown. Genes coloured yellow were up-regulated in mortality-related signature fish, those in blue down-regulated.

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575 Figure S4. QRT-PCR of three isoforms of Na^+/K^+ ATPase in gill tissue of PC1 positive survival-related signature (SRS) and PC1
576 negative mortality-related signature (MRS) classified fish sampled in the marine environment in Johnstone Strait (JS) and in the
577 Fraser River at Whonnock (W). Values shown are Log (RQ) plus one SD. Primers for isoform 1a (forward
578 CCAGGATCACTCAATGTCACTCT, reverse GCTATCAAAGGCAAATGAGTTTAATATCATTGTAAAA) are outlined in (S34), for isoform 1b
579 (forward CTGCTACATCTCAACCAACAACATT, reverse CACCATCACAGTGTTCATTGGAT) in (S35), and for isoform a3 (forward
580 CCAGGTATTGAGTTCCGTGTG, reverse CAGCCTGAAATGGGTGTCCT) in (S36). ARP housekeeping gene primers are shown in Table
581 S2. Significant differences ($p < 0.05$) in transcription of isoform 1a were observed between saltwater and freshwater and JS SRS fish
582 versus all other samples, of isoform 1b between SRS and MRS fish in freshwater (almost significant in saltwater [$p = 0.06$]) and
583 between JS SRS versus all others, and of isoform a3 between SRS and MRS fish in freshwater.



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