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36 **Abstract**

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38 **In certain species of salmon, male phenotypes occur in two distinct morphs: the large**

39 **“hooknose” (H) or the small “jack” (J). Hooknoses fight each other for access to females,**

40 **while jacks ~~occupy refuges near spawning beds to sneak fertilizations into the breeding~~**

41 **~~bed of a pair~~. Jacks also fight each other over opportunities for sneaking without**

42 **immediate gains. To explore whether the jack behavioural strategy is equally adaptive to**

43 **that of the hooknose, we built a game-theoretic model similar to the classic hawk-dove**

44 **game, with and without conditions of density dependence. Our model ~~We demonstrates the~~**

45 **fitness of the jack strategy increases with the frequency of the hooknose strategy, because**

46 **jacks can steal the benefits otherwise accrued by hooknoses. The ~~In this game, coexistence~~**

47 **of strategies ~~strategy coexistence~~ is much more easily achieved in this game than in the**

48 **hawk-dove game. When negative density effects on benefits are introduced to the model,**

49 **coexistence conditions are further relaxed. Hence, the jack and hooknose strategies can be**

50 **viewed as equally adaptive, resulting in a stable mixed ESS. ~~When the hooknose-jack~~**

51 **~~game is considered an evolutionary game, frequencies of the two morphs either yield a~~**

52 **~~balanced polymorphism or the fitness function of the hooknose proportion increases. In~~**

53 **~~the latter case, jack becomes a dominant strategy.~~**

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56 **Keywords:** morph, jack, hooknose, coexistence, game-theoretic model, fitness, alternative

57 mating strategy, evolutionarily stable strategy, [conditional strategy](#), hawk-dove game

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59 In many animal species, competition among males for mating privileges is prevalent  
 60 (Krebs & Davies 1987). Such rivalries may favour selection for male dimorphism, alternative  
 61 mating strategies, or both. The hawk-dove game was developed as a means of understanding the  
 62 theoretical basis of animal conflict (Maynard Smith & Price 1973), and the evolutionary game  
 63 of animal fighting in particular (Bulmer 1994). However, it has only rarely been applied to the  
 64 evolutionary ecology of mating systems.

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 66 In a number of salmonid fishes, m~~ales in some salmonids~~ are distinctly dimorphic in  
 67 body size, external morphology and life history (Gross 1984, 1985). ~~L~~A large breeding males,  
 68 called “hooknoses” (H), undergo full development, is a fully having spent ~~matured male~~  
 69 ~~spending~~ two ~~to~~er three years at sea before returning to their~~ts~~ natal rivers to spawn with  
 70 females. Hooknoses ~~develop~~ display courtship colouration and a hooked nose with sharp teeth  
 71 for fighting. ~~By~~ contrast, ~~a~~ small males, called “jacks” (J), undergo limited development and  
 72 resembles ~~an~~ immature fish. As juveniles, precocious males become jacks and return to  
 73 spawning beds at least one year before hooknoses (Gross 1991). Hooknose males battle other  
 74 hooknoses for access to females. ~~However,~~ Jacks, however, seek refuges ~~sneak~~ near the  
 75 breeding grounds of ~~a~~ paired fish, from which they sneak to release sperm and swim through the  
 76 ~~beds releasing sperm~~ immediately following female spawning.

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79 Hooknose and jack are considered alternative strategies (Gross 1982; Thornhill &amp; Alcock

80 1983) or conditional mating strategies (Gross 1996). ~~Gross (1984) considered such alternative~~81 ~~mating strategies as evolutionarily stable strategies (ESSs) (Maynard Smith 1982), provided the~~82 ~~payoffs of both H and J are equal. If the payoff of J is smaller than that of H, the jack strategy is~~83 ~~the less fit conditional mating tactic.~~ Gross also found that the lifetime fitnesses of H and J in84 coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) are about equal at their switchpoint, indicating the mixed85 strategy of both H and J is an evolutionarily stable strategy (ESS) (Maynard Smith 1982; Gross

86 1985). Thus Gross (1984, 1985) suggested that the dimorphism in male salmon might have

87 evolved through an evolutionary game. ~~However, as far as we know, its explicit its payoff~~88 ~~matrices, with as well as and~~ the ESS conditions for coexistence of alternative strategies.89 ~~have not been examined explicitly in the context of a hawk-dove game.~~

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92 Competition among male animals for mating privileges is very common (Krebs & Davies93 1987). Such competition may favor selection for male dimorphism, alternative mating strategies,94 or both. The hawk-dove game was developed as a means of understanding the theoretical basis

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 96 ~~in particular (Bulmer 1994). However, it has rarely been applied to the evolutionary ecology of~~  
 97 ~~mating systems.~~

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 100 ~~Recently,~~ A recent version of the hawk-dove game has been developed to further our  
 101 understanding of dimorphic male strategies in male orangutans ~~our group showed that male~~  
 102 ~~dimorphism in the orangutan could be explained by a version of the hawk-dove game~~ (Tainaka  
 103 et al. 2007). However, life-history considerations for evolutionary games differ substantially  
 104 between the orangutan and salmon. In the orangutan, subordinate adult males can switch  
 105 conditionally to a dominant phenotype, ~~whereas~~ a dominant morphs cannot switch back to  
 106 ~~the~~ subordinate phenotype. In salmon, the choice between developing into a hooknose or a jack  
 107 reflects early developmental differences in individual life history and is absolutely irreversible  
 108 (Gross 1985, 1991). Gross further suggested juvenile body size, a strong predictor of mating  
 109 strategy, is a function of population density Gross 1991). ~~Published estimates of additive genetic~~  
 110 ~~variance indicate heritability for the choice of strategy, at least as a contributing factor~~  
 111 ~~highlighting the potential genetic basis of alternative phenotypes (Silverstein & Hershberger~~  
 112 ~~1992; Gross 1996; Gross & Repka & Gross 1995; Gross & Repka 1998a, 1998b). Any~~

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113 underlying genetic mechanisms regulating salmon dimorphism may be similar to genetic  
114 polymorphisms in the fruit fly (Fitzpatrick et al. 2007) or scale-eating cichlid fish (Hori 1993;  
115 Takahashi & Hori 1994).

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118 Here we show that male dimorphism in salmon can be explained by a breeding game  
119 similar to the hawk-dove game. We build a payoff matrix for two mating strategies of male  
120 salmon: Hooknose and Jack. We analyze the ESS conditions according to the benefits and costs  
121 of ~~win and lose outcomes~~winning and losing, including an explicit examination of the effects of  
122 population density. We also discuss the utility and generality of hawk-dove-like games in male  
123 dimorphisms and alternative mating strategies.

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## 126 HOOKNOSE-JACK MODEL

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128 Our game model resembles that of the hawk-dove game (Maynard Smith & Price 1973).  
129 For our purposes, By “hawk vs. dove” is equivalent to we mean “dominant vs. subordinate” or,  
130 more generally, “honest contestant~~y competitor~~ vs. cheater.” The pay-off matrix for a male

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131 salmon is given in Table 1. A hooknose (H) fights with others. The winning hooknose gets the  
 132 benefit  $V$  (mating value), while the loser suffers the fighting cost  $C$ . Hence the average payoff  
 133 for a hooknose is  $(V-C)/2$ . A hooknose can defeat a jack (J) easily, but a jack can sneak in and  
 134 spawn surreptitiously. By sneaking fertilizations from hooknoses, a jack obtains  $S$ , a jack robs  
 135 the benefit  $G$  (on the average) by sneaking, while the hooknose loses  $G$ , resulting in yielding  
 136 the payoff  $V-G$ . Unlike the well-known “dove,” which does not fight, a jack battles other jacks  
 137 over positions advantageous for sneaking. The winning jack gains fitness value  $J$ . The losing  
 138 jack suffers cost  $J-L$ ; therefore, the average jack fighting cost of fighting between jacks is  
 139  $J/2$ , since one jack will lose. Because of the great disparity in body size between hooknose  
 140 and jack, we assume that  $V > G > 0$  and  $C > J > L > 0$ . In reality, both benefits and costs of fighting  
 141 between hooknoses should be very large and those of jacks should be relatively small, so that  
 142  $V \gg G$ , and  $C \gg J$ .  
 143 Unlike the well-known “dove,” which does not fight, a jack battles other jacks over positions  
 144 advantageous for sneaking. The losing jack suffers cost  $L$ . On the other hand, the winning jack  
 145 gains control of the refuge from which he can sneak, the sneaking position but only without  
 146 immediate benefits. For now, we simply assume that the winning jack has no gains nothing.  
 147 Therefore, the average cost to jacks of fighting jack fighting cost is  $L/2$ , since one will lose.  
 148 Because of the great disparity in body size between hooknose and jack, we assume that  $V > G > 0$

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 150 large and those of jacks should be relatively small, so that  $V \gg G$ , and  $C \gg L$ .

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153 The payoffs in Table 1 differ from those of the ~~classical~~ hawk-dove game in all values  
 154 except that of H vs. H. ~~Without considering the population size of male salmon, the~~ Now we  
 155 ~~assume a constant population size of male salmon and find the~~ fitness values of both hooknose  
 156 and jack ~~can be evaluated by the traditional ESS analysis (that implicitly assumes an infinite~~  
 157 ~~population size) (see Riley 1979; Fogel et al. 1998; Taylor et al. 2004).~~ Let  $p$  be the proportion  
 158 of hooknose ~~in the population~~. Then the fitness of a hooknose  $W_H(p)$  is represented by Equation  
 159 (1) (Table 2).

161  ~~$W_H(p) = p \frac{V-C}{2} + (1-p)(V-G) = (V-G) + p \left( \frac{V+C}{2} - G \right)$~~  (1)

163 On the other hand, the fitness of a jack  $W_J(p)$  is represented by Equation (2) (Table 2).

166  ~~$W_J(p) = pG + (1-p) \frac{-L}{2} = \left( \frac{L}{2} \right) + p \left( G + \frac{L}{2} \right)$~~  (2)

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169 Note that  $W_H(p)$  is an increasing function of the hooknose proportion  $p$ . This is because

170 jacks who steal the benefits ~~from~~ H fight other jacks. We now examine  $W_H(p)$  and  $W_J(p)$  for

171  $0 \leq p \leq 1$  (Fig. 1). At  $p=0$ ,  $W_H = V-G > W_J = J-L/2$ . ~~At  $p=1$ , Thus,~~ the condition for coexistence, ~~with~~

172 ~~is  $W_H < W_J$  at  $p=1$ . This condition~~ is Equation (3) (Table 2).

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174  $G > \frac{V-C}{2}$  (3)

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176 When fighting between hooknoses is severe, that is,  $V < C$ , condition (3) is always true (Fig.

177 1a). This is the same result as coexistence of evolutionary strategies in the hawk-dove game. On

178 the other hand, when fighting between hooknoses is not ~~so~~ severe (i.e., is mild), that is,  $V > C$ ,

179 condition (3) is not always true (Fig. 1b). When  $V > C$ , the condition (3) incurring ~~giving~~ cost  $C$

180 can be expressed as Equation (4) (Table 2).

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182  $V > C > V - 2G$  (4)

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184 Therefore, the fighting cost  $C$  of H should be close to  $V$ , the benefit of jack  $G$  should be rather

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185 small, or both. From condition (4), if  $2G > V$ , condition (3) automatically holds (see Fig. 1b).

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187 In either case, the ESS mixed frequency ratio  $p^*$  is solved by  $W_H(p) = W_s(p)$ , and we get

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188 Equation (5) (Table 2).

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$$p^* = \frac{2(V - G) + L}{V + C + L} \quad (5)$$

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193 However, the ESS becomes the pure hooknose strategy (i.e.,  $p^* = 1$ ), if Equation (6) (Table  
194 2) holds.

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$$G < \frac{V - C}{2} \quad (6)$$

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198 This equation implies that, if the benefit to jacks of sneaking ( $G$ ) is less than half the

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199 benefit when H wins, then the ESS is a pure hooknose strategy.

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202 When  $V > C$ , the slope of  $W_H (= G - (V + C)/2)$  can be positive, if Equation (7) (Table 2) holds.

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205  $2G - C > V$  (7)

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207 ~~This means means~~ that the fitness  $W_H$  of a hooknose is an ~~decreasing increasing (NOT~~

208 ~~DECREASING?)~~ function of the ~~ratio~~ frequency of  $p$ . Even under this condition, the ESS

209 ~~frequency ratio~~  $p^*$  becomes the mixed strategy given by equation (5), since condition (4) holds,

210 i.e.,  $2G + C > 2G - C > V$ . Here, if  $p < p^*$ , jack is a poor strategy, yielding lower fitness than hooknose.

211 When  $p$  is an increasing function, the fitness of hooknose ~~deincreases - (NOT DECREASES?)~~

212 until  $p$  reaches  $p^*$ . When  $p > p^*$ , since jack enjoys a higher fitness payoff value, the frequency of

213 jacks increases, reducing  $p$  until it reaches  $p^*$ . Here, ~~ironically~~ remarkably, a pure hooknose

214 strategy has higher fitness than that of the mixed ESS strategy  $p^*$ . Similarly, when the slope of

215  $W_H (=G - (V + C)/2)$  is zero, the fitness of a hooknose is constant and that of a jack determines the

216 mixed ESS strategy, as long as equation (3) holds.

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219 **THE EFFECT OF DENSITY**

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221 ~~CC~~Competition among individuals (~~offspring, parents or both~~) for limited mates or breeding  
 222 sites may increase as a function of population size,  $N$  (Tainaka et al. 2006), ~~thus~~ lowering the  
 223 ~~per capita~~ likelihood of mating. ~~Therefore, Consequently~~, the benefits of breeding,  $V$  and  $G$ , ~~may~~  
 224 ~~bear~~ inversely related to  $N$ . We now ~~examine the effect of add a negative density effect onto~~  
 225 ~~our the density independent~~ hooknose-jack model.

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 228 Assume that mating values,  $V$  and  $G$ , depend on population size  $N$ , according to a simple  
 229 function of density,  $B / (B+N)$ , where  $B$  is a constant. By multiplication we obtain the  
 230 ~~density reduced~~ effective values of breeding,  $V_N$ , and  $G_N$ , ~~now reduced as a function of density:~~  
 231 ~~eEquations (8a) and (8b) (Table 2).~~

$$V_N = V \frac{B}{B+N}$$

$$G_N = G \frac{B}{B+N}$$

(8a, 8b)

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 235 The average net payoff for hooknose and jack individuals ~~is given by becomes:~~ ~~eEquations~~  
 236 ~~(9) and (10) respectively (Table 2), which-~~

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238  ~~$W_H(p, N) = p \frac{V_N - C}{2} + (1 - p)(V_N - G_N)$~~  (9)

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240  ~~$W_J(p, N) = pG_N + (1 - p) \frac{-L}{2}$~~  (10)

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242 Equations (9) and (10) are similar to equations (1) and (2). Given any constant value of  $N$ ,

243 they are negatively (or positively) sloped, straight lines in  $W$ - $p$  space, as in the slope of

244 equations (1) and (2).

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247 To find  $p^*$ , we examine  $W_H(p, N)$  and  $W_J(p, N)$  at  $p=0$  and  $p=1$ . When  $p=0$ ,  $W_H(0, N) =$

248  $V_N - G_N = V - G \frac{B}{B+G} > W_J(0, N) = \frac{-L}{2}$ . Therefore, the condition for coexistence [of jack](#)

249 [and hooknose](#) is  $W_H(1, N) < W_J(1, N)$  at  $p=1$ , as in the density-independent hooknose-jack

250 model. [The condition for coexistence is then](#) [Hence we get Equation \(11\) \(Table 2\). Equation](#)

251 [\(12\)](#)

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253  ~~$G_N > \frac{V_N - C}{2}$~~

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256 It follows from condition (11) ~~that Equation (12) (Table 2).~~

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$$258 \quad V > C > (V - 2G) \frac{B}{B + N}$$

259 ~~(12)~~

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261 This condition is identical to equation (4), except for the difference term in the right-hand  
262 side of the inequality.

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265 Since  $B / (B+N)$  becomes smaller when  $N$  increases, this condition is satisfied easily when

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266  $N$  is large. Therefore, a jack can readily coexist with a hooknose, provided the population size  $N$

267 is large. ~~Even if  $C < (V-2G)$ , equation (11) may hold if  $N \gg 0$ , as shown in that is, Equation~~

268 ~~(13) (Table 2). This means that the ESS  $p^*$  is a pure hooknose strategy (H) when  $N$  is small, but~~

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269 ~~may shift to the mixed strategy (H and J), when the population size  $N$  increases. Assuming the~~

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270 ~~number of breeding sites is limited, the ESS strategy becomes density-dependent.~~

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$$272 \quad V - 2G > C > (V - 2G) \frac{B}{B + N}$$

273 ~~(13)~~



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275 ~~This means that the ESS  $p^*$  is a pure hooknose strategy (H) when  $N$  is small, but may shift~~  
 276 ~~to the mixed strategy (H and J), when the population size  $N$  increases. Assuming the number of~~  
 277 ~~breeding sites is limited. In this case, the ESS strategy becomes density dependent.~~

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280 **DISCUSSION**

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282 ~~Our model differs substantially from prior examples of~~ The current example is very  
 283 ~~different from those in~~ the hawk-dove game (Maynard Smith & Price 1973; Maynard Smith  
 284 1982; Axelrod & Hamilton 1981) and the orangutan game (Tainaka et al. 2007) (see Fig. 2). In  
 285 these games, the slope of subordinates/doves is negative as well as those of hawks/dominants  
 286 ~~in these games~~ (Fig. 2c). By contrast ~~However~~, in the hooknose-jack game presented here, the  
 287 fitness of jack,  $W_J$ , is an increasing function of  $p$ , while that of hooknose,  $W_H$ , is a decreasing  
 288 function of  $p$  (Fig. 2a). Therefore, ~~this constitutes a salmon game in this condition is~~ a true  
 289 balancing game with negative frequency dependence (Figs. 1 and 2a), similar to the genetic  
 290 polymorphism maintained by negatively frequency-dependent selection (e.g., Hori 1993;  
 291 Takahashi & Hori 1994; Fitzpatrick et al. 2007). Furthermore, the fitness of hooknose,  $W_H$ , can

292 be an increasing function, too, if equation (7) holds (Fig. 2b). ~~In this case, we can~~ Now, if we  
 293 replot Fig. 2b ~~against with~~ the jack proportion defined as  $q (=1-p)$ . ~~Then,~~ the graph becomes  
 294 identical to Fig. 2c. ~~However,~~ Here, the payoff of jacks and hooknoses is reversed, in spite of the  
 295 fact that jacks are poor competitors with hooknoses in direct contests over mating privileges.  
 296 meaning of jack is reversed to dominant or hawk, even though jack is a sneaker that is a weaker  
 297 competitor for breeding.

299 In our model, we assumed that the winning jack gains no fitness. However, the winning  
 300 jack may locate a better sneaking position for fertilization. Therefore, we may assume that the  
 301 winning jack gains the slight fitness value  $S$ , where  $S$  is extremely ~~far~~ vastly smaller than  $G$ , that  
 302 is,  $V > G \gg S > 0$ . Because the losing jack suffers a fighting cost  $-L$ , the average cost of fighting  
 303 between jacks is  $(S-L)/2$ . Because  $S$  is very close to zero (though positive), we can naturally  
 304 assume that  $C \gg S$ . Therefore,  $(S-L)$  is still negative and we can ~~put~~ define  $(S-L) = -L^*$ . Hence,  
 305 substituting  $L^*$  for  $L$  changes none of the above ~~all~~ formulations and arguments do not change.  
 306 if we replace  $L$  into  $L^*$ . Thus the generality of the current results holds even if the winner of a  
 307 contest between ~~ing~~ sneakers among a sneaker fight gains a minimal benefit, because the  
 308 benefit is minimal.

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310 The salmon mating system examined here ~~involves~~ assumes a large tradeoff between the  
 311 jack and hooknose male mating strategies. Hooknose is the dominant strategy in terms of sperm  
 312 quantity, body size and controlling access to females. However, the jack life history strategy,  
 313 being one year shorter, ~~results in~~ benefits from lower mortality rates from natural enemies in the  
 314 marine habitat (Gross 1991); this assures the frequency-dependent nature of fitness tradeoffs  
 315 between mating success and survival (Figs. 1 and 2). With such tradeoffs, the fitness equalities  
 316 of hooknose and jack are easily attained (Gross 1984). This may be why the hooknose-jack  
 317 game yields a balanced polymorphism similar to those examined in other systems such as  
 318 scale-eating cichlid fish (Hori 1993; Takahashi & Hori 1994) and single-locus behavioural  
 319 polymorphisms generally is similar to those of balanced polymorphisms (Hori 1993; Takahashi  
 320 & Hori 1994; Fitzpatrick et al. 2007).

323 ~~The previous findings seem to suggest that sneakers and hooknoses coexist stably are~~  
 324 ~~relatively stable even in a very small populations (Gross 1984, 1985, 1991, 1996). However, the~~  
 325 ~~traditional ESS analysis assumes an infinite population size and the evolutionary outcomes of a~~  
 326 ~~finite population size are often unstable, and/or different from the ESS equilibrium, or both~~  
 327 ~~(Riley 1979; Fogel et al. 1998; Taylor et al. 2004). In the orangutan mating system, large~~

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328 population sizes tend to increase the proportion of subordinate mating strategies (Tainaka et al.  
 329 2007). We expect that the sneaker frequency is unstable and high when population sizes are  
 330 small. However, our current results suggest that the frequency of jack is 0 or low at a small  
 331 population size and increases as the population size increases (Fig. 2). This is the reverse of  
 332 theoretical findings for opposite to the results of finite population sizes (Riley 1979; Fogel et al.  
 333 1998; Taylor et al. 2004). Furthermore, theoretical studies shows that conditional strategies like  
 334 sneakingers are stable even if the strategies have a genetic basis (Repka and Gross 1995; Gross  
 335 and Repka 1998a, 1998b). The effects of population sizes may be tested empirically by  
 336 surveying the frequency and stability of the jack strategys in a rivers of different sizes and over  
 337 several years.

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 339 Previousior theoretical findings suggested that sneakers could evolve only in very small  
 340 populations, because sneaking is a conditional mating tactic due to rising as a result of  
 341 developmental disadvantages

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342 ▲ (Fogel et al. 1998; Taylor et al. 2004). I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY SMALL  
 343 POPULATIONS ARE NECESSARY FOR THIS? THE TITLE OF FOGEL ET AL.'S PAPER  
 344 SEEMS TO SUGGEST THAT ESS'S IN SMALL POPULATIONS ARE UNSTABLE. In the  
 345 orangutan mating system. Recently, it was shown that high population densities tend to increase

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346 ~~the proportion of subordinate mating strategies in the orangutan model (Tainaka et al. 2007).~~  
 347 Our modified model provides a further example in the literature ~~with density effects is an~~  
 348 ~~additional example~~ exploring the evolution and maintenance of sneaker strategies, ~~where~~ the  
 349 ~~density of resources such as mating opportunities and breeding sites varies. density is varied.~~  
 350 ~~e.g., mating opportunities and breeding sites.~~ Our results suggest that ~~We have refined the model~~  
 351 ~~with our treatment of density dependence factors, thus~~ further promoting the coexistence of  
 352 jack and hooknose strategies (equations (12) and (13)). ~~When~~ resources such as females and  
 353 breeding grounds are limited, competition for these limited resources intensifies between  
 354 dominants; consequently, subordinate strategies should become more adaptive, provided  
 355 sufficient refuges exist. since the dominants have to fight over these limited resources. For  
 356 example, suppose that there are only 10 breeding grounds or 10 females in a suitable spawning  
 357 area. If 100 hooknoses return to spawn, 90% of them (90 fish) should fail reproduction  
 358 completely. Furthermore, the winning 10 hooknoses may suffer severe fighting-related injuries.  
 359 Under such conditions, jack becomes a far superior strategy. This effect of population density ~~is~~  
 360 ~~similar to~~ resembles that of the orangutan ~~model~~, since subordinate strategies (jacks) become  
 361 advantageous as the population size increases (Tainaka et al. 2007). Likewise, in the colonial  
 362 acarid mite, *Catoglyphus berlesei*, fitness payoffs for alternative male mating strategies depend  
 363 on colony size: dominants (fighters) do better in small colonies; subordinates (non-fighters), in

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364 [large colonies \(Radwan 1993\).](#)

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367 The constant proportion of jacks observed in broods (Koseki & Fleming 2006) strongly

368 suggests that jack and hooknose constitute an ESS mixed strategy. During development,

369 status-dependent selection in salmon yields a conditional strategy under which precocious males

370 become jacks, and those delaying maturity become hooknoses. In fact, the sneaker life-history

371 strategy is chosen by the fastest-growing juveniles (those with the highest status) (Gross 1996).

372 [although the precise mechanisms triggering developmental switches remain to be elucidated.](#) At

373 [least one author has argued the alternative tactics “fighter” and “sneaker” be regarded instead as](#)

374 [“coercer” and “cooperator,” owing to](#) Further, there is evidence females [actually](#) prefer [the more](#)

375 [cooperative](#) jacks over [aggressive](#) hooknoses during spawning (Watters 2005). These facts

376 hardly suggest that jack is an inferior life history strategy. On the contrary, the wide [spread](#)

377 occurrence of the jack strategy – supports the hypothesis that jack is an integral part of a mixed

378 ESS strategy in salmonid fishes (Gross 1984, 1985).

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381 [Given that sneaker or subordinate strategies are at least partially genetically mediated.](#)

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382 ~~male conditional strategies~~ may be highly adaptive for females, in terms of ~~spreading risk~~  
 383 ~~spreading~~ (Yoshimura & Clark 1991; Yoshimura & Jansen 1996). If all eggs of a female are  
 384 inseminated by one dominant male whose sperm are genetically deficient, she ends up with no  
 385 reproductive success. DNA finger-printing evidence suggests that female extra-pair matings are  
 386 extremely common in many animal mating systems appearing otherwise monogamous (Burke  
 387 & Bruford 1987; Westneat 1990; Barash & Lipton 2001). Thus females may tacitly solicit  
 388 mating opportunities ~~from~~ sneaker or subordinate males (~~Watters 2005~~), further promoting the  
 389 evolution of a mixed ESS strategy.

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 392 Alternative mating tactics are known in many animal species (Gross 1982; Thornhill &  
 393 Alcock 1983; Kodric-Brown 1986). Subordinates or sneakers have been considered the less  
 394 adaptive strategy, because their ~~payoffs~~ ~~mean fitness values~~ ~~appear~~e lower than those of  
 395 dominant males. However, the orangutan model (Tainaka et al. 2007) and the ~~current~~ model  
 396 ~~presented here~~ suggest that the subordinates or sneakers ~~can be~~ as fit as dominant males,  
 397 resulting in a mixed ESS strategy. In many ~~cases of breeding games~~ ~~mating systems~~, dimorphism  
 398 in males may be favored ~~under conditions of~~ ~~when alternative life history~~ ~~ontogenetic trajectories~~  
 399 ~~involve life history~~ trade-offs ~~and varying population densities~~. ~~In those cases~~ ~~Under these~~

400 conditions, both morphs gain fitness. Such evolutionary games may thus be widely prevalent  
 401 not only in the matingbreeding games of dimorphic males, but in breeding systems generally.  
 402 For example, in female goldeneye ducks, population densities can play a critical role in  
 403 maintaining intraspecific brood parasitism as an alternative nesting strategy (Eadie & Fryxell  
 404 1992). Lastly, we are only beginning to understand the magnitude of anthropogenic changes to  
 405 the environment on life history evolution, and their effects on the stability of balanced  
 406 polymorphisms in commercially important taxa such as salmonids.

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483 Table 1. Payoff matrix of Hooknose-Jack game in salmon males ( $V$ : The benefit of winning a  
 484 female;  $C$ : the fighting cost of a loser;  $G$ : the benefit of sneaking; and  $L$ : the fighting cost of a  
 485 losing jack). We assume that  $V > G > 0$  and  $C > L > 0$ .

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487	Opponent		
488	Player		
489	Hooknose	$(V-C)/2$	$V-G$
490	Jack	$G$	$-L/2$

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492 Table 2. Equations for Hooknose-Jack games in male salmon-males

493 
$$W_H(p) = p \frac{V-C}{2} + (1-p)(V-G) = (V-G) - p \left( \frac{V+C}{2} - G \right) \quad (1)$$

494 
$$W_J(p) = pG + (1-p) \frac{-L}{2} = \left( -\frac{L}{2} \right) + p \left( G + \frac{L}{2} \right) \quad (2)$$

495 
$$G > \frac{V-C}{2} \quad (3)$$

496 
$$V > C > V - 2G \quad (4)$$

497 
$$p^* = \frac{2(V-G)+L}{V+C+L} \quad (5)$$

498 
$$G < \frac{V-C}{2} \quad (6)$$

499 
$$2G - C > V \quad (7)$$

500 
$$V_N = V \frac{B}{B+N} \quad (8a), (8b)$$

$$G_N = G \frac{B}{B+N}$$

501 
$$W_H(p, N) = p \frac{V_N - C}{2} + (1-p)(V_N - G_N) \quad (9)$$

502 
$$W_J(p, N) = pG_N + (1-p) \frac{-L}{2} \quad (10)$$

503 
$$G_N > \frac{V_N - C}{2} \quad (11)$$

504 
$$V > C > (V - 2G) \frac{B}{B+N} \quad (12)$$

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$$V - 2G > C > (V - 2G) \frac{B}{B+N} \quad (13)$$

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509 **Figure legends**

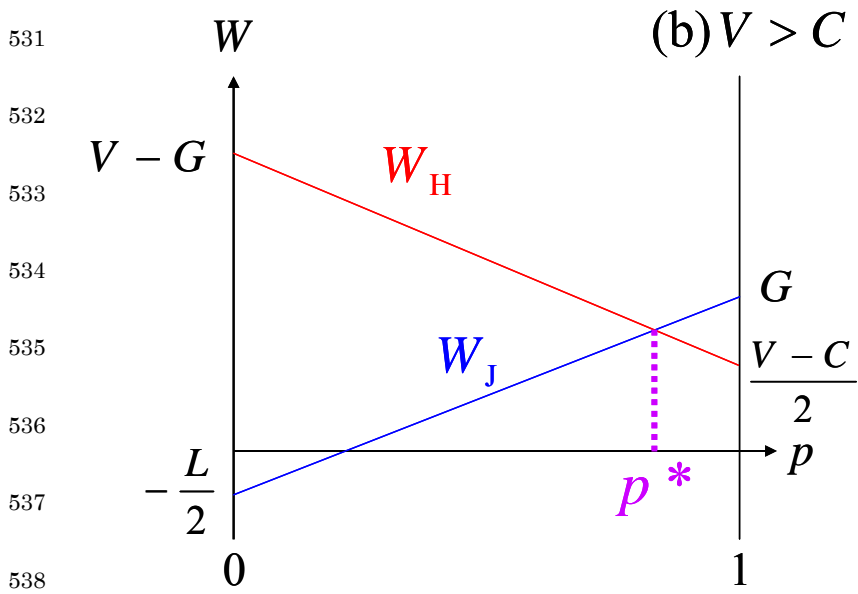
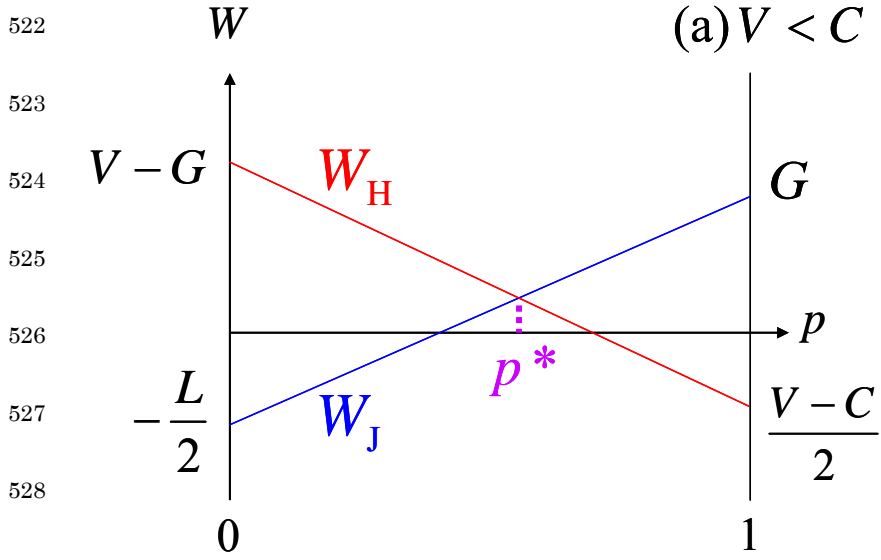
510 Fig. 1. The average net payoffs ( $W$ ) of hooknose and jack in the model. The values of  $W_H(p)$  and  
 511  $W_J(p)$  are ~~plotted~~depicted against the frequencyratio  $p$  of hooknose. In (a), ~~ff~~ighting between  
 512 hooknose is severe, that is,  $V < C$ ; and in (b) it is mild, viz., that is  $V > C$ . The intersections  
 513 determine a stable, mixed strategy ESS.  $p^*$  is the mixed ESS strategy.

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515 Fig. 2. The slopes of the schematic payoffs ( $W$ ) in the breeding games between dominants and  
 516 subordinates along the proportion of dominants ( $p$ ), where  $p^*$  is the mixed ESS strategy. (a) ~~the~~  
 517 hooknose and jack model with negative frequency dependence, (b) ~~the~~ hooknose and jack model  
 518 with dual increasing payoff functions and (c) ~~the~~ hawk-dove like games with dual decreasing  
 519 payoff functions.  $W_H$ ,  $W_J$ ,  $W_D$  and  $W_S$  represent the fitness values of hooknose, jack, dominant  
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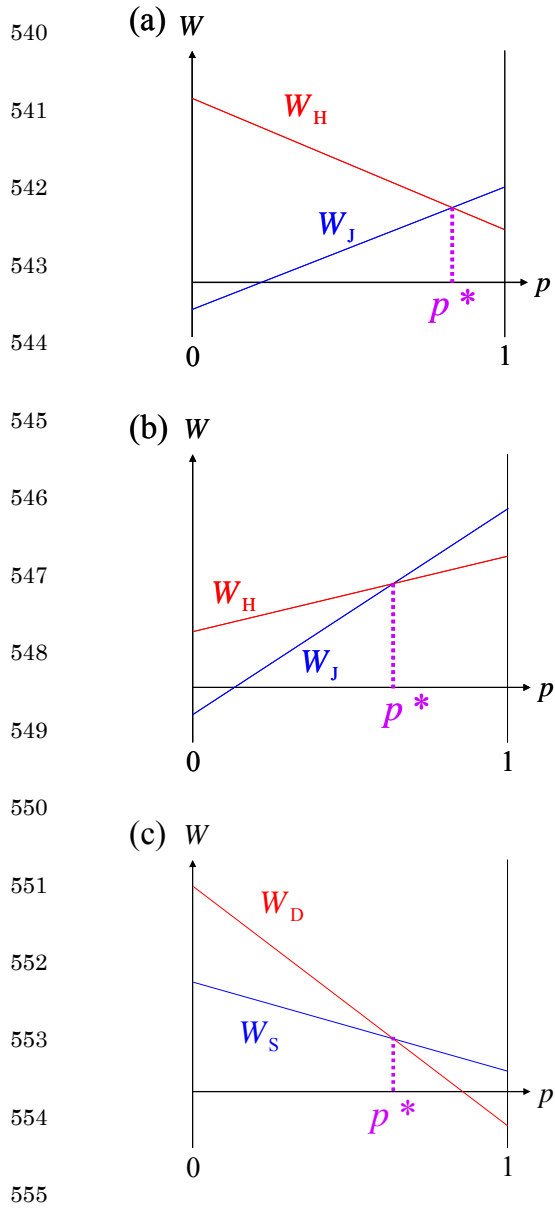
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