

Fish Adult Movement and Larval Dispersal:

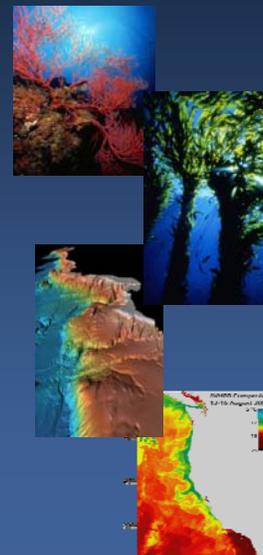
Science to inform marine protected area design

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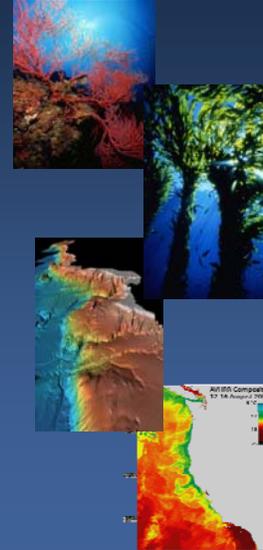
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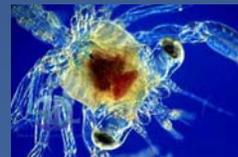
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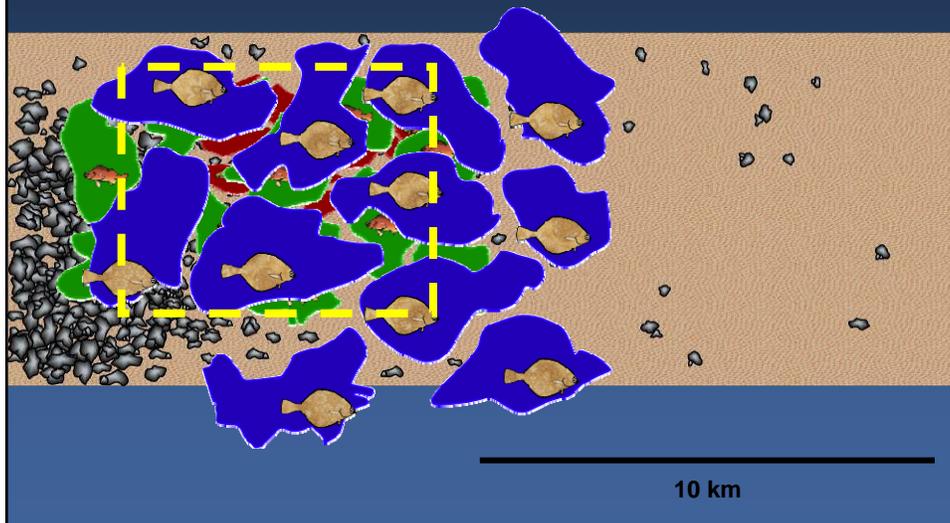
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How Does Movement Determine Marine Protected Area Size and Shape?

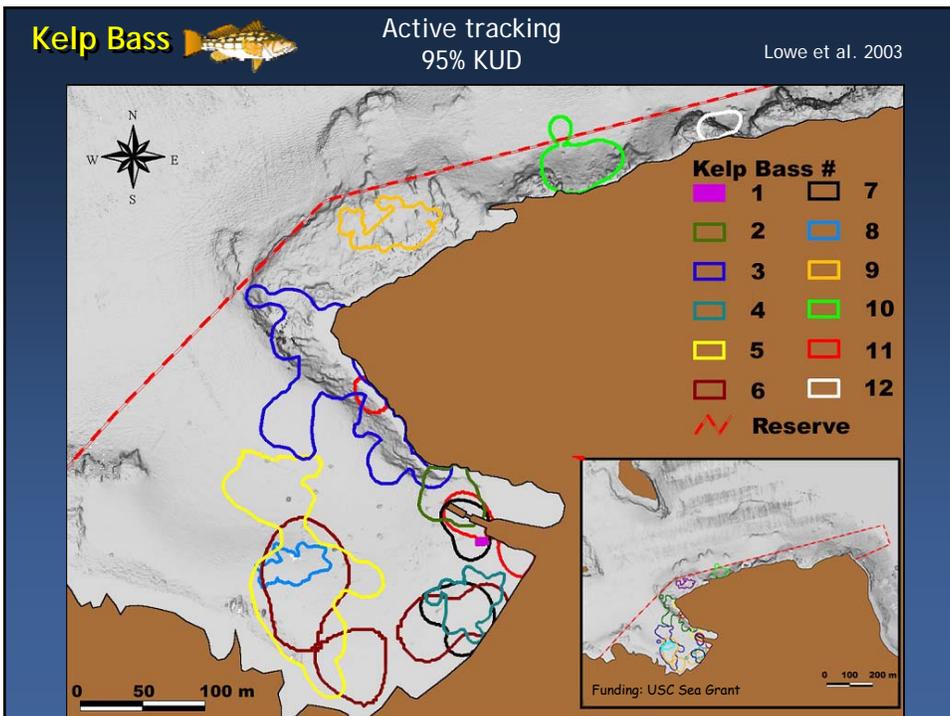
-  Population protection scales with movement and MPA size
-  Movement affects the amount of spillover from an MPA (pros and cons)
-  MPAs need to protect all the habitats that fish (and invertebrates) use over their lifetime

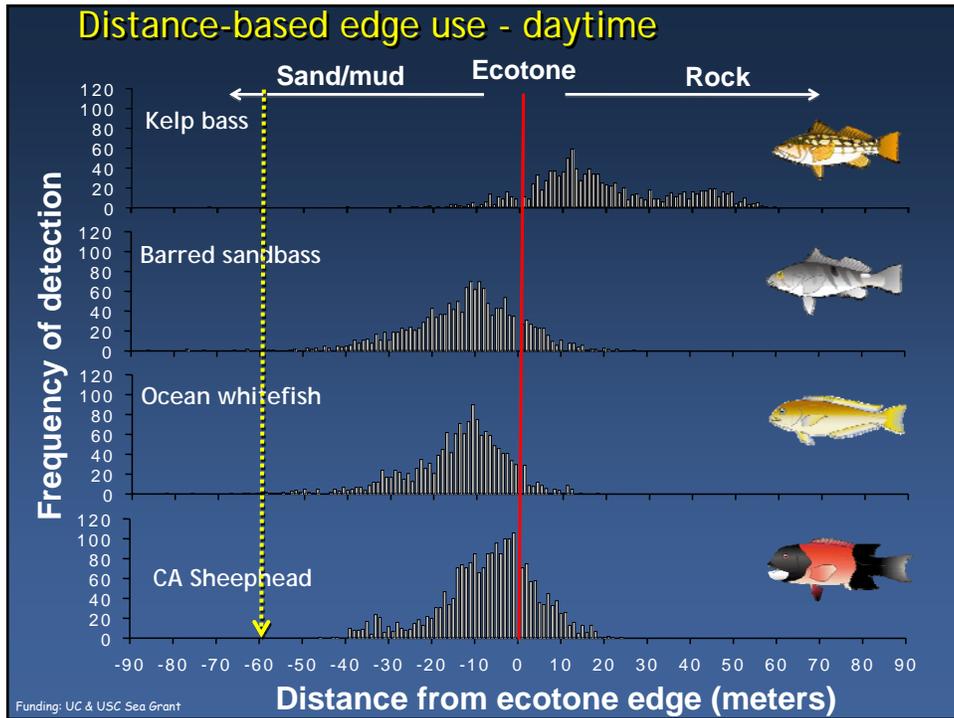
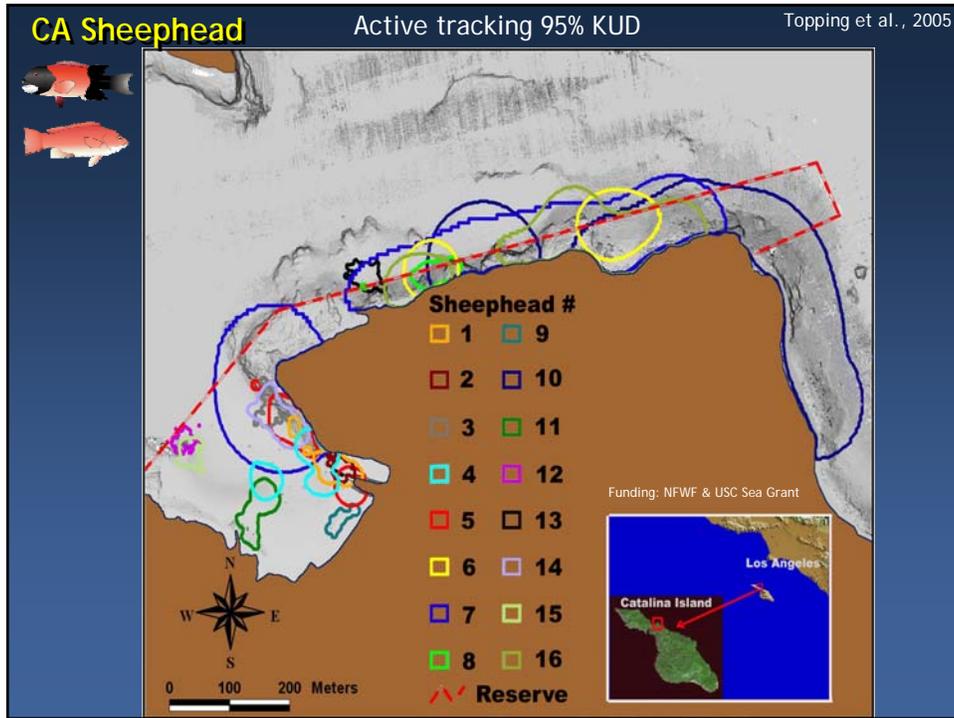
Population Protection Scales With Home Range and MPA Size

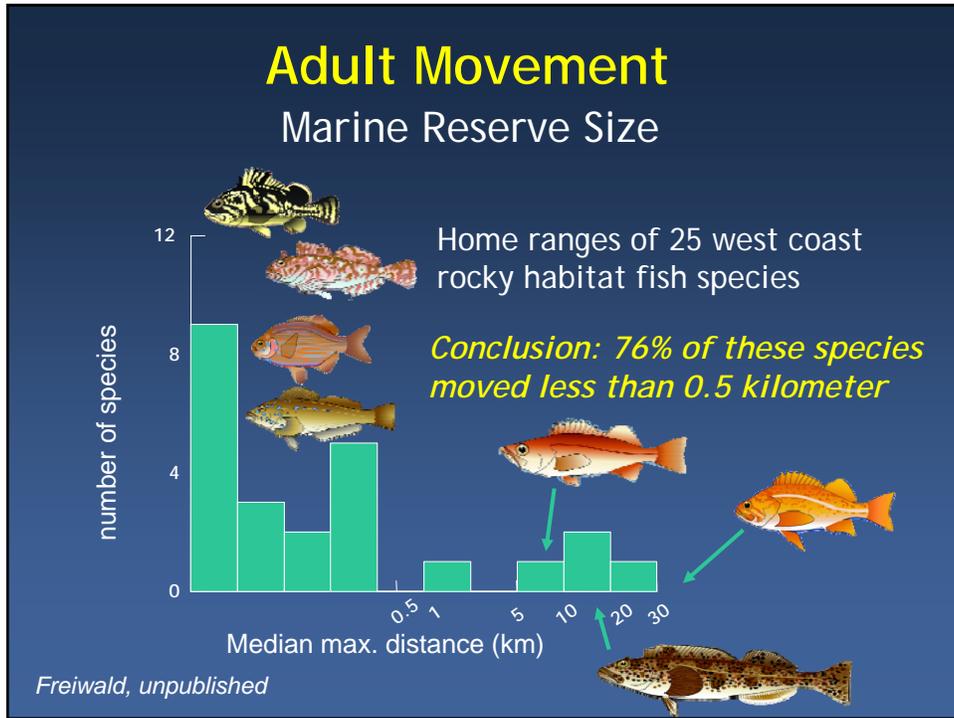


How Do We Know About Adult Movements?

Fishing, Direct Observation, Acoustics, Tagging,
Genetics, Current and Habitat Associations





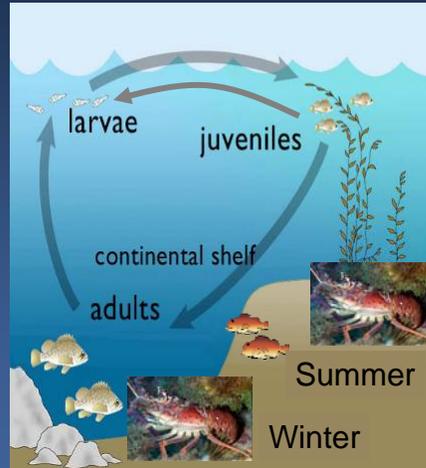


Reserve Size and Species Protected

Adult Home Range Size

0 – 1 km	1 – 10 km	10 – 100 km	100 – 1000 km	> 1000 km
Many rockfish 	Some rockfish 	Some rockfish 	Few rockfish 	Some schooling fish
Other reef fish 	Some surfperch 	Other reef fish 	Some schooling fish 	Tunas
Some surfperch 		Some flatfish 	Salmon 	Many sharks
			More flatfish 	

Species Use Different Depths at Different Times



Protect the range of depths species use

Over their lifetime

Seasonally

Master Plan Size Guidelines

- Minimum alongshore span of **5 – 10 kilometers** (3 - 6 miles)
- Preferably **10 – 20 kilometers** (6 - 12 miles)
- Extend from the intertidal zone to deep waters (3 miles offshore)

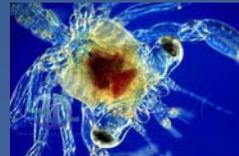
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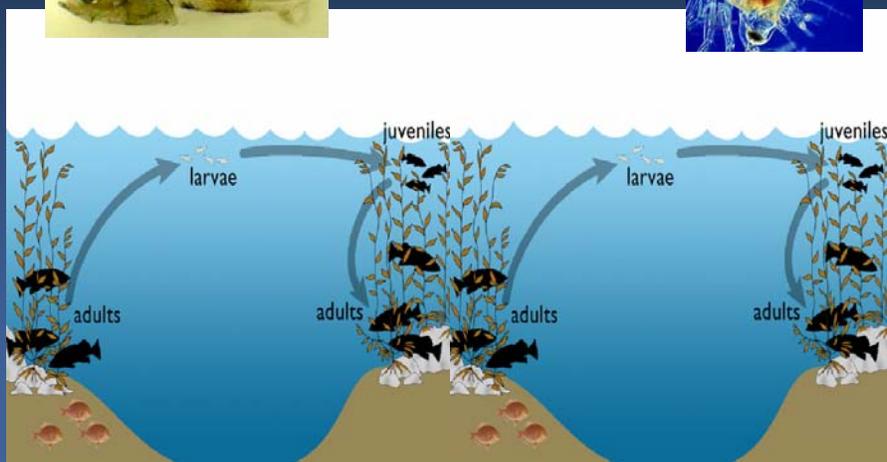
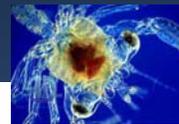
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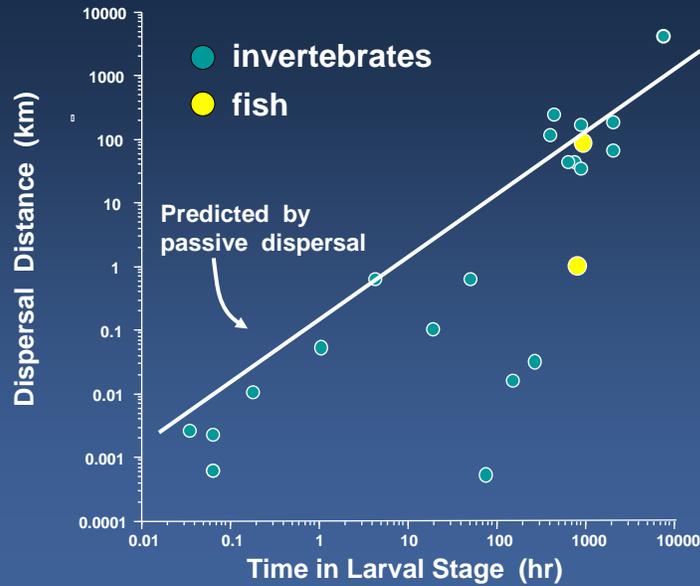
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Reserves Connected by Larval Dispersal



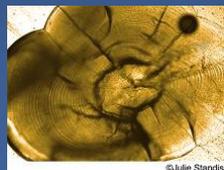
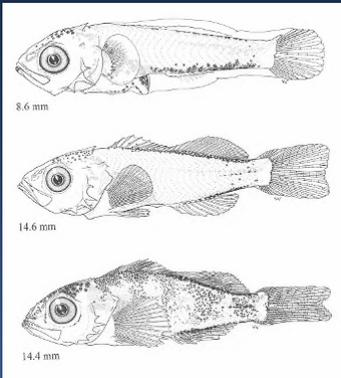
Pelagic duration: a proxy for dispersal potential



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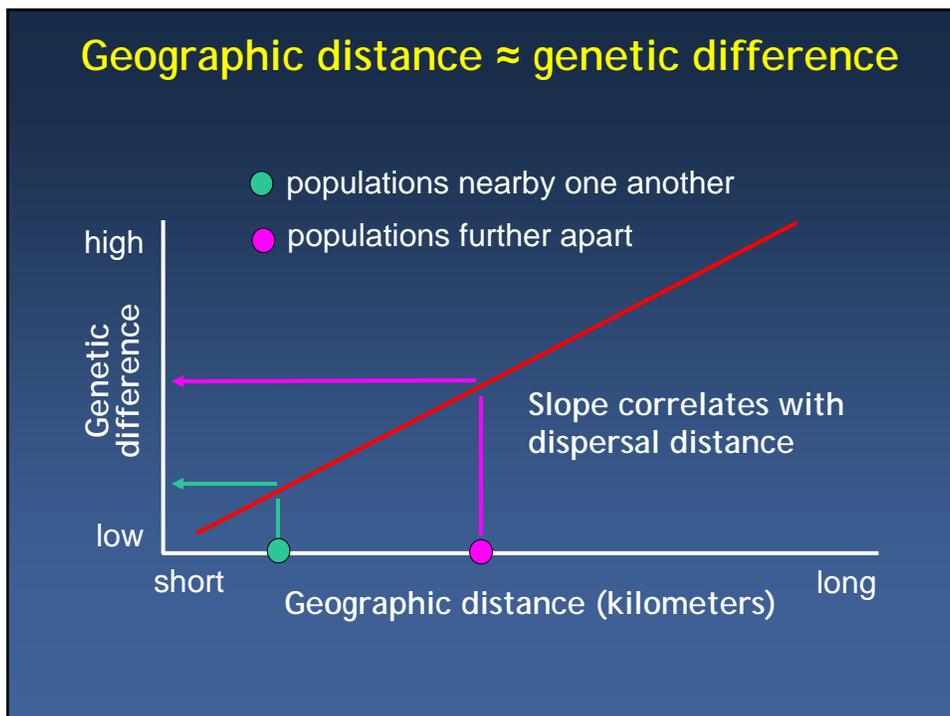
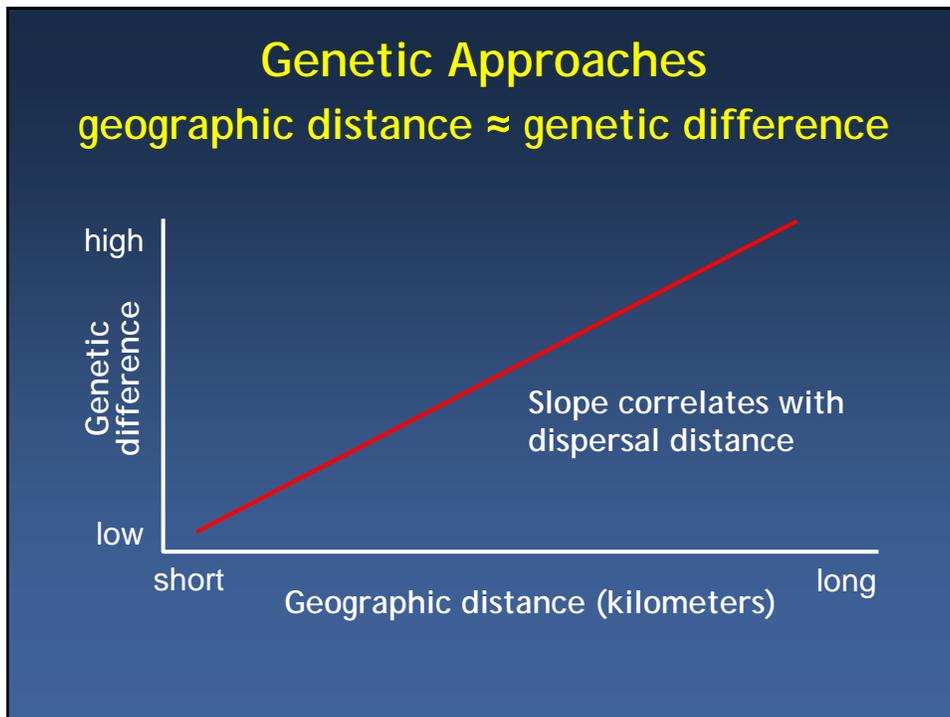
Time in the Larval Stage (fish)

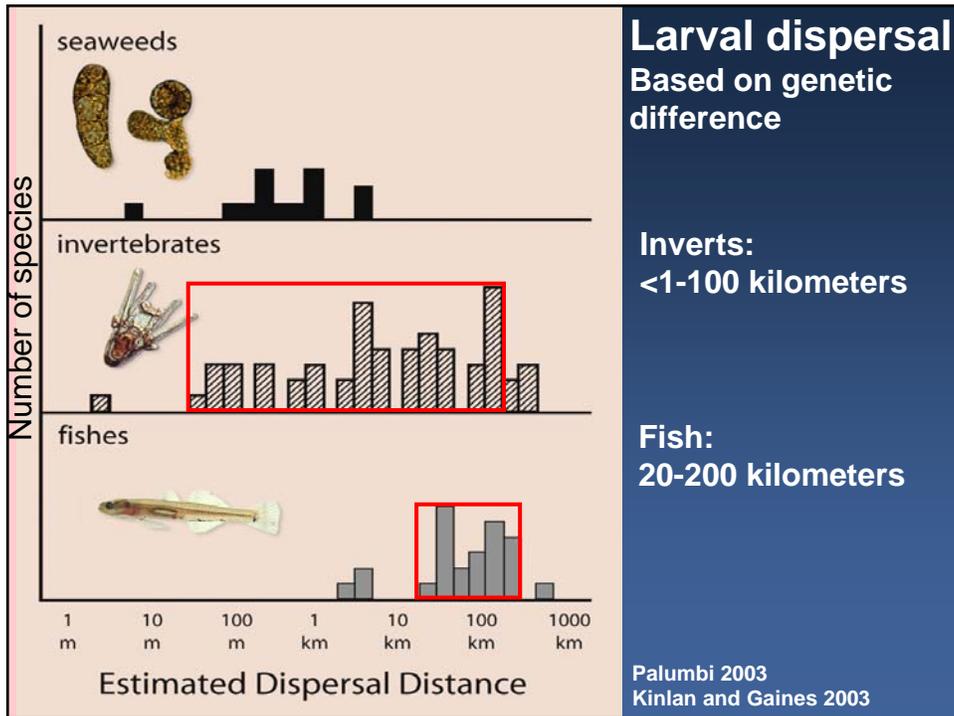
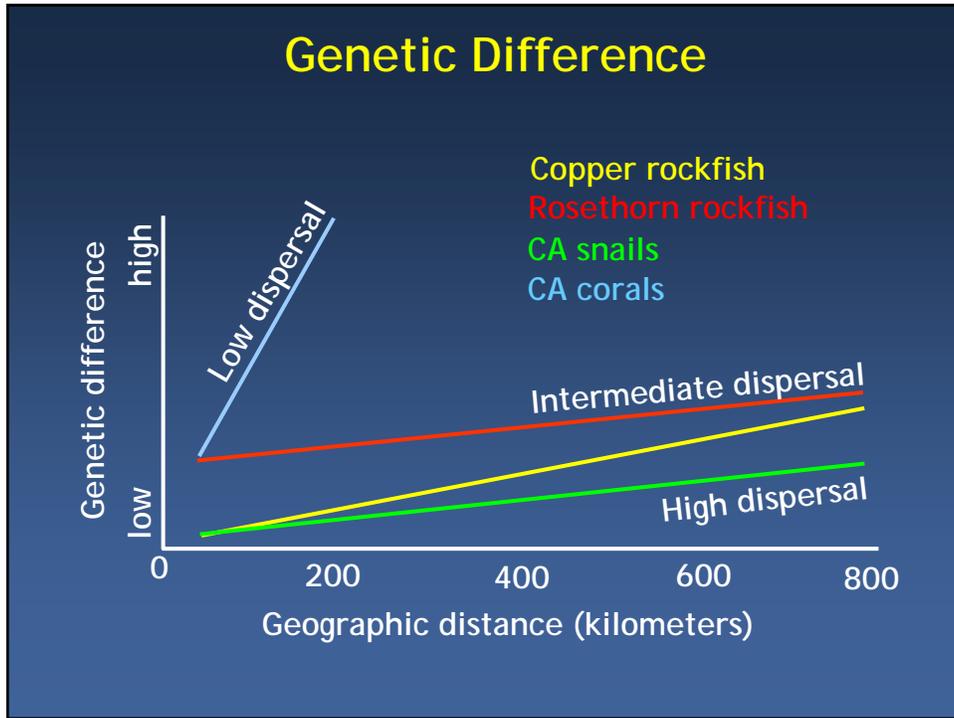
Western North American Coastal Fish	Time in Larval Stage midpoint (range)
Aurora Rockfish (<i>Sebastes aurora</i>)	105 (90-120)
Gopher Rockfish (<i>S. carnatus</i>)	75 (60-90)
Yellowtail Rockfish (<i>S. flavidus</i>)	85 (60-110)
Black Rockfish (<i>S. melanops</i>)	145 (110-180)
Blackgill Rockfish (<i>S. melanostomus</i>)	105
Blue Rockfish (<i>S. mystinus</i>)	105 (80-130)
Bocaccio (<i>S. paucispinis</i>)	160 (150 to 170)
Olive Rockfish (<i>S. serranoides</i>)	135 (90-180)
Kelp Bass (<i>Paralabrax clathratus</i>)	30 (25-35)
Spotted Sand Bass (<i>P. maculatofasciatus</i>)	22 (17-27)
White Seabass (<i>Atractoscion nobilis</i>)	32 (29-35)
Halfmoon (<i>Medialuna californiensis</i>)	60
Blacksmith (<i>Chromis punctipinnis</i>)	35 (32-38)
Garibaldi (<i>Hypsypops rubicunda</i>)	20 (18-22)
Rock Wrasse (<i>Halichoeres semicinctus</i>)	30 (26-34)
Senorita (<i>Oxyjulis californica</i>)	39 (36-43)
California Sheephead (<i>Semicossyphus pulcher</i>)	37 (34-52)
Giant Kelpfish (<i>Heterostichus rostratus</i>)	37 (14-60)
Blackeye Goby (<i>Coryphopterus nicholsi</i>)	70
Bluebanded Goby (<i>Lythripnus dalli</i>)	70
California Halibut (<i>Paralichthys californicus</i>)	27
Pacific Sanddab (<i>Citharichthys sordidus</i>)	271
Speckled Sanddab (<i>C. stigmaeus</i>)	219 (113-219)
Petrale Sole (<i>Eopsetta jordani</i>)	180



AVERAGE = 94 days

Shanks et al. 2003





Roles of Multiple, Connected MPAs

-  Increase area over which larval export from MPAs is realized
-  Reduce negative and increase beneficial impacts to local fisheries along the coast
-  Enhance connectivity and replenishment among MPAs
-  Reduce dependency of populations inside MPAs on replenishment by populations outside MPAs
-  Buffer against local catastrophes (e.g., oil spill, storms)
-  Encompass diversity of habitats and associated species

Summary

-  MPA size and adult movement interact to determine how well a MPA protects a population and ecosystem
-  MPA spacing and larval dispersal interact to determine how well MPAs protect a population and ecosystem
-  MPA size and spacing are interrelated