

1 **Strong effects of temperature, population and age-at-maturity genotype on maturation
2 probability for Atlantic salmon in a common garden setting.**

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39 **ABSTRACT**

40 1. Age at maturity is a key life history trait and involves a trade-off between survival risk and
41 reproductive investment, has close connections to fitness, and is an important factor for population
42 structures. Temperature can have a dramatic influence on life history in ectotherms, but this
43 influence may differ between populations. While an increasing number of studies have examined
44 population-dependent reactions with temperature, few have investigated this in the context of
45 maturation timing.

46 2. Atlantic salmon is a highly relevant study species for improving understanding of this topic as it
47 displays considerable variation in life-history strategies, including maturation timing. Additionally, a
48 large amount of this variation in maturation timing has been associated with a genomic region
49 including the strong candidate gene *vgfl3*, but the effect of this gene in the context of different
50 environments and populations has not been studied.

51 3. Using a large-scale common-garden experiment, we find strong effects of temperature, population,
52 and *vgfl3* genotype on maturation in 2-year-old male Atlantic salmon. Observed maturation
53 probability was 4.8 times higher in individuals reared at a mean temperature of 8.6°C compared to
54 6.9°C. This temperature effect was population-specific and was higher in the southern population
55 compared to the northern population, potentially due to a higher intrinsic growth in the southern
56 population as well as growth-temperature interaction.

57 4. The early-maturation *vgfl3*E* associated with a significantly higher maturation probability, but
58 there was no *vgfl3*-interaction with temperature or population.

59 5. Both body condition and body mass associated strongly with maturation; the body-condition
60 association was stronger in fish carrying the *vgfl3*E* allele, and the body mass association was only
61 present in the warm treatment.

62 6. Our findings demonstrate that the relative effect of *vgfl3* on maturation timing is similar for two
63 populations and two thermal environments and gives new perspectives on the relative effect of
64 *vgfl3* compared to such influences. Additionally, we show that populations can vary in their
65 response to temperature change in terms of maturation timing, and that high intrinsic growth
66 could potentially be associated with higher thermal sensitivity for life history variation.

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68 **KEYWORDS**

69 Age at maturity, Atlantic salmon, genotype-environment interactions, life history, populations,
70 temperature.

71 **INTRODUCTION**

72 Responses of wild animal populations to the changing climate are modulated by the phenotypic changes in
73 individuals resulting from these changes in the environment. In this context, life history traits are of special
74 interest as they describe the reproductive investment of organisms over their lifetime (Hutchings, 2021).
75 Reaction norms describe the pattern of phenotypic expression of a genotype in differing environments and
76 provide information about phenotypic plasticity and the presence of genotype x environment (GxE)
77 interactions shaping the phenotype (Hutchings, 2011, 2021). The reaction norm between environment and
78 life history may depend on the genetic background of the organisms, and thus animals from different
79 populations-, or animals of different key genotypes, may respond differently to environmental influences
80 (Oomen & Hutchings, 2015). This complicates the prediction and mitigation of climate change
81 consequences for wild populations. Furthermore, teasing apart the contributions of genetics and

82 environment can be challenging as these two factors are often correlated in wild populations. Rearing of
83 individuals in common, controlled, conditions, i.e., common garden approaches, can partly resolve this
84 issue by observing the phenotypic differences of animals with different genetic backgrounds reared in a
85 common environment; By combining this approach with controlled variation of several environmental
86 factors it is possible to build an understanding of the relative contributions of genes and environment to
87 the phenotype, as well as the interactions between them.

88 Age at maturity is an important life-history trait as it describes at what age an organism will start
89 reproducing (Cole, 1954). The Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) is a highly relevant species for studying life
90 history traits such as age at maturity in the context of better understanding genetic and environmental
91 influences. Atlantic salmon displays considerable amount of variation in age at maturity (Reviewed in
92 Mobley et al., 2021) arising from a combination of the number of years spent as a juvenile in freshwater
93 and the number of years spent at sea before returning, often to their home river, to spawn. For example, in
94 Atlantic salmon, the time spent at sea can vary from 0 to 5 years (Fleming, 1998; Fleming & Einum, 2011),
95 with individuals typically doubling in size with each extra year spent at sea (Hutchings & Jones, 1998;
96 Mobley et al., 2020). Further, some males never leave their home river and instead mature at a small size at
97 the parr life stage, and so, mature individuals returning from the sea can be several thousand times larger
98 than their mature river-bound counterparts. In recent decades, wild Atlantic salmon stocks have been in
99 decline, with factors suggested to have contributed to this decline including climate change, aquaculture,
100 illegal fishing, hydropower dams and harvesting of prey species (Chaput, 2012; Czorlich et al., 2022;
101 Dadswell et al., 2021; Harvey et al., 2022; ICES, 2019; Vollset et al., 2022). Some of these factors have also
102 been associated with life-history changes in the wild stocks, with some populations experiencing a decrease
103 in the number or proportion of early-maturing individuals (Vollset et al., 2022), while others are reporting a
104 decrease in large, late-maturing, individuals (Czorlich et al., 2018, 2022; Olmos et al., 2019). These trends
105 thus make the study of factors impacting Atlantic salmon life-history traits highly timely.

106 Earlier, a locus including the gene *vgl3* was found to explain a large amount of variation (39%) in Atlantic
107 salmon sea age at maturity in both males and females (Barson et al., 2015), a finding that has been
108 replicated in both wild (Ayllon et al., 2015) as well as laboratory common garden studies (Debes et al.,
109 2021; Sinclair-Waters et al., 2022; Verta et al., 2020). Changes in *vgl3* allele frequency have also been
110 found to associate with a trend toward earlier maturation for Atlantic salmon in the river Teno (bordering
111 Finland and Norway) (Czorlich et al., 2018). The two alleles of *vgl3* associate with either early (E) or late (L)
112 maturation. While other studies have provided several clues for the developmental and molecular
113 mechanisms involved in *vgl3*'s function (Debes et al., 2021; Kjærner-Semb et al., 2018; Kurko et al., 2020;
114 Pashay Ahi et al., 2022; Verta et al., 2020), currently little is known about how this gene may interact with
115 environmental factors like temperature and available nutrition, and so far, no common-garden studies have
116 examined if there are population-differences in the effects of *vgl3* on maturation timing. Knowledge of
117 how the effect of *vgl3* might vary between different environmental contexts and different Atlantic salmon
118 populations is essential to understand how the effects of this gene on life history might change between
119 populations and in the face of climate change.

120 Temperature can have a dramatic influence on the life history traits of ectotherms (Angilletta et al., 2004)
121 and is known to have significant effects on maturation timing in Atlantic salmon (Friedland et al., 2009;
122 Jonsson et al., 2016; Otero et al., 2011) and other ectotherm species (van der Have & de Jong, 1996). With
123 the inherent variation in life history between Atlantic salmon populations, a key question is how this
124 variation relates to changes in temperature, and how climate change impact might depend on the life-
125 history strategy composition of a population. While there is a growing body of literature of studies on
126 thermal reaction norms between fish of different populations and other genetic backgrounds, looking at
127 traits like growth, survival, metabolism, and gene transcription (Hutchings, 2011; Oomen & Hutchings,
128 2015, 2022) few studies have investigated population differences in reaction norms between temperature

129 and maturation timing, nor interactions with large-effect locus genotypes. Such research can help to better
130 understand the potential impacts of global warming on the future life-history strategy composition of
131 natural populations.

132 Here, we present the results of a common garden experiment investigating maturation timing in 2170
133 Atlantic salmon males with differing *vgl3* genotypes originating from two latitudinally distant populations
134 from the Baltic Sea basin. Individuals were divided between a combination of two temperature treatments
135 with a climate-change relevant 1.8°C temperature difference, and two feed treatments differing in nutrient
136 proportions of lipids and caloric content. We aimed to explore the interactions between environment and
137 genetics in shaping Atlantic salmon maturation timing, and to further broaden our understanding of *vgl3*
138 as a large-effect life history gene in different genetic and environmental settings. More specifically, we test
139 whether 1) the effect of *vgl3* genotype on maturation differs between the populations, temperatures, and
140 feed treatments, 2) if the effects of temperature or feed treatment is population-dependent and 3) if other
141 morphological phenotypes such as body mass or condition associate with maturation, and if *vgl3* genotype
142 could influence this relationship.

143 MATERIALS AND METHODS

144 Study animals, crossing, initial rearing, and experimental feed and temperature treatments.

145 The Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*, Linnaeus 1758) used in this study originated from two broodstocks –
146 Neva and Oulu – maintained by the Natural Resources Institute Finland (LUKE). The Neva broodstock
147 originates from the river Neva (Russia, 59.78°N, 30.71°E); It is maintained in a hatchery facility in Laukaa,
148 Finland, and is regularly stocked in the river Kymijoki in southern Finland (60.48°N and 26.89°E). The Oulu
149 broodstock originates 500 km further north, and was created as a mixture of several northern Baltic salmon
150 populations including the river Oulujoki (Finland, 65.01°N, 25.27°E), where it is subsequently stocked
151 regularly (Erkinaro et al., 2011; Karppinen et al., 2014). Both broodstocks are routinely renewed with
152 individuals that complete marine migrations to their stocking rivers.

153 Broodstock and offspring individuals were genotyped using a multiplex-PCR for 177 single nucleotide
154 polymorphisms (SNPs) of a previously described panel (Aykanat et al., 2016) as outlined in Debes et al.
155 (2021). The panel included the *VGLL3_{TOP}* SNP (Barson et al., 2015) that was used for designing crosses to
156 produce offspring with specific *vgl3* genotypes (see below). A subset of 131 SNPs in the panel not in high
157 linkage disequilibrium was used for reconstructing the parents of the broodstock individuals as outlined in
158 Debes et al. (2021) in order to avoid crossing closely related individuals.

159 Unrelated parents with homozygous *vgl3* genotypes were used to create a series of 2 × 2 factorials (one
160 *vgl3*EE* male and female and one *vgl3*LL* male and female) so that each 2 × 2 factorial yielded four
161 families, one of each of the four reciprocal *vgl3* genotypes (EE, EL, LE or LL), i.e., all offspring within a family
162 had the same *vgl3* genotype (Suppl. Mat. Figure S1.1-Design). For analysis, we considered the two
163 heterozygote combinations EL and LE as one genotype, EL. Only individuals from the same population were
164 crossed together. In total, 13 and 17 2 × 2 factorials (52 and 68 families) were created using 50 and 67
165 parental individuals for the Oulu and Neva populations, respectively. Eggs and milt were stripped from the
166 parental individuals at the broodstock hatcheries in mid (Oulu) or late (Neva) October 2017, immediately
167 transported to the Viikki campus of the University of Helsinki, Finland, and fertilizations were conducted
168 the following day.

169 The fertilized eggs of each family were divided between two temperature treatments (hereafter warm,
170 cold), following a seasonal temperature cycle but with a 2°C difference maintained between the treatments
171 (Figure 1). The eggs were incubated as outlined in Debes et al. (2021). Briefly, eggs of each family were
172 randomly and equally divided between four separate flow-through incubators, two for each temperature

173 treatment, i.e. two family replicates per temperature treatment, with families kept in separate
174 compartments within an incubator (with randomized position). At first feeding, fish were transported to
175 the University of Helsinki's Lammi Biological Research Station (Lammi, Finland) and roughly equal numbers
176 of individuals of each family from both populations were randomly chosen and placed into one of six
177 replicate tanks of the same temperature treatment in which they had been incubated (2°C difference).
178 Some of the fish from some factorials were used in other experiments, and for this reason, the number of
179 Oulu fish was around double the number of Neva fish. The tank transfers took place at four different time
180 points, due to differences in the time of first feeding caused by the different incubation temperatures and
181 the differing fertilization times for the two populations. Respectively, the transfer dates were 23.02.2018
182 and 11.04.2018 for warm- and cold treatment Oulu fish, and 10.03.2018 and 24.04.2018 for the warm- and
183 cold-treatment Neva fish (Figure 1).

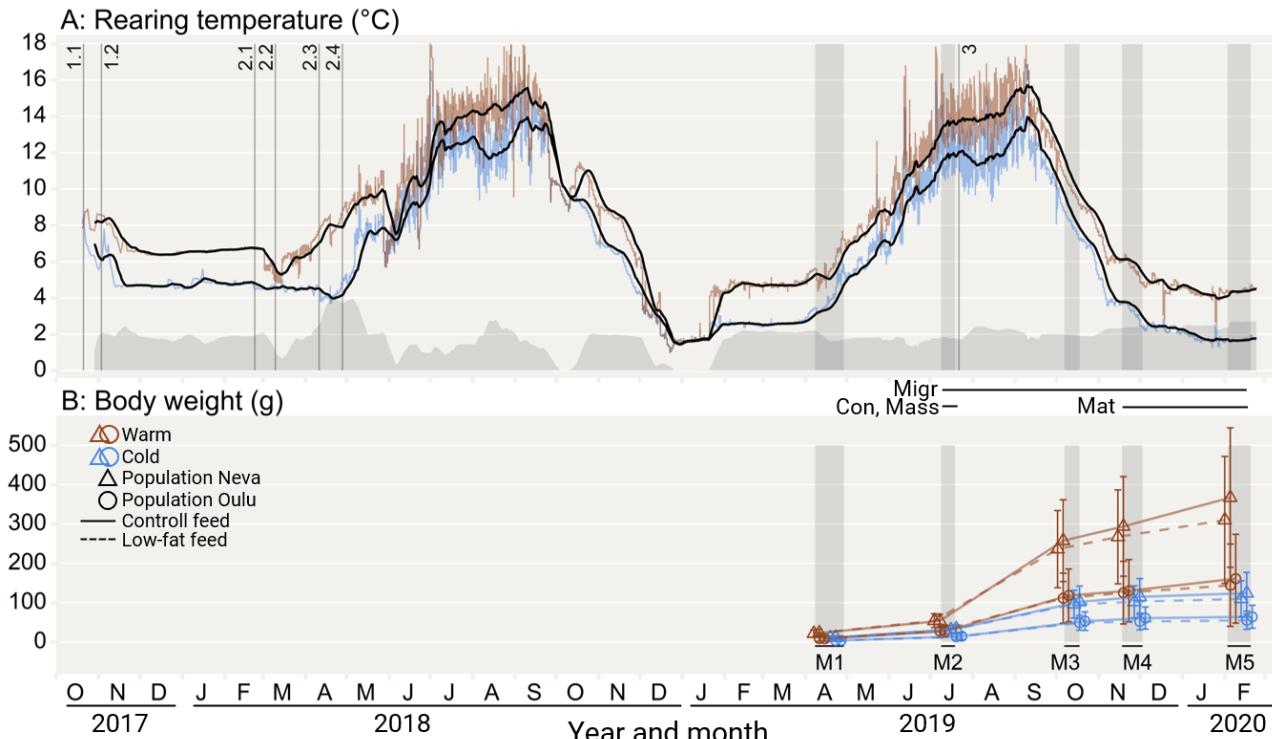
184 The feed treatments were started in July 2019 (summer in the second-year post-fertilization) and were
185 combined with the temperature treatments. The feed treatments were either "control", in which fish
186 received regular Raisioqua Baltic Blend aquaculture-grade feed (17-26% fat, 18.10-20.40 kJ g⁻¹ depending
187 on pellet size), and "low-fat", where the feed was replaced with a custom-made fat-reduced feed of the
188 same brand, resulting in pellets of similar size and shape to the control feed, but with lower fat content (12-
189 13% fat, 17.25 kJ g⁻¹) (see Supl. Mat. Table S1.1-Feed and S1.2-Nutrients for an overview of feed use and
190 nutritional values). Thus, the 12 experimental tanks were divided into four treatment combinations,
191 resulting in three tanks of each combination of temperature treatment (warm, cold) and feed treatment
192 (control, low-fat). Tanks of different treatment combinations were evenly spread out in the research facility
193 to minimize the occurrence of treatment-location correlations (Supl. Mat. Figure S1.1-Design).

194 **Animal husbandry details**

195 Following transport to Lammi Biological Station, fish were reared in experimental tanks (1.00 m tall, 2.77 m
196 wide). The experimental tanks utilized a flow-through system of water that was pumped from a nearby lake
197 (Pääjärvi) at approx. 12m depth. To reduce pathogen load, the incoming lake water was treated with UV
198 light before entering the tanks. Water entered the tanks through a horizontal spray bar that created a
199 circular flow in the tanks (which was standardized between tanks), and the water level and flow rate were
200 increased over time as the fish grew. The water temperature in the tanks followed the seasonal lake
201 temperature curve, while a heat-exchange system aimed to maintain a 2°C difference between the warm
202 and cold treatments (Figure 1). Lighting was automated (on/off) and set to follow the local sunrise/sunset
203 times (at 61.05°N, 25.04°E). Over the entire study, the mean temperatures of the warm and cold
204 treatments were 8.6 °C and 6.9°C, respectively. The mean realized temperature difference was slightly
205 lower (1.8°C) than the targeted 2°C difference due to heating/cooling system maintenance or technical
206 malfunction due to very cold incoming lake water resulting in several short periods with no temperature
207 difference between tanks during the first 15 months of the experiment (Figure 1)

208 Fish were fed *ad libitum* throughout daylight hours with body-size-matched pellets (Supl. Mat. Table S1.1-
209 Feed, S1.2-Nutrients) of commercial fish feed (Hercules, Raisioqua, Raisio, Finland). Feeding was
210 conducted manually for the first 3-4 month (until mid-June 2018), after which, an automated feed delivery
211 system was used (Arvo-Tek Oy, Finland). To adjust feed sizes and amounts in the early phase, a subsample
212 of fish (120-300) was measured in July, August, October, and the end of November 2018. After that, feed
213 amounts and sizes were adjusted based on size data from the regular phenotypic measurements which
214 started in April 2019 (described below). Internal tank surfaces were scrubbed clean at least once per week.
215 Tanks were visually inspected on a daily basis; dead fish were removed from the tanks, and any moribund
216 fish were removed and euthanized with an MS222 overdose (0.250 g L⁻¹, sodium bicarbonate-buffered). To
217 provide the fish with environmental enrichment, half of each tank was covered with a dark-green

218 camouflage mesh. These covers were installed at the end of April 2018 for the warm tanks, and in the
219 middle of June 2018 for the cold tanks so that fish had experienced similar degree-days when the nets were
220 installed.



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222 **Figure 1.** Timeline of the study showing temperatures (A) and fish growth (B). Shaded vertical areas (M1-5)
223 indicate the timing of fish measurement sessions. The horizontal lines Con, Mass, Migr, and Mat indicate
224 the measurement sessions from which data were taken to determine the body mass, condition, migration,
225 and maturity status phenotypes, respectively, for use in modelling. A): Red and blue (upper and lower) lines
226 indicate mean hourly water temperatures (of all tanks) for the warm and cold treatment, respectively.
227 Black lines indicate the 10-day rolling water temperature average for each treatment. The grey area graph
228 indicates the temperature difference between the 10-day rolling average of the two treatments, which
229 averaged 1.8°C across the entire study. Periods with no temperature difference were due to
230 heating/cooling system maintenance or technical malfunction due to very cold incoming lake water. Over
231 the entire study, the mean temperature of the warm and cold treatment was 8.6 °C and 6.9°C, respectively.
232 Vertical lines indicate the timing of the fertilisation of Oulu (1.1) and Neva (1.2) eggs; Transport of fish to
233 Lammi Biological Station for Oulu-Warm (2.1), Neva-Warm (2.2), OuluCold (2.3), Neva-Cold (2.4) fish; and
234 start of the feeding treatments (3). B) Points indicate mean body mass for fish in each population within
235 each temperature-feed treatment. Points are repositioned horizontally within each measurement session
236 to avoid overlap. Error bars indicate one standard deviation.

237 Weighing, measurements and maturation checks

238 At the first measurement in April 2019 (Figure 1; M1), all individuals were tagged with a passive integrated
239 transponder (PIT-tag) inserted into the abdominal cavity about half a centimetre caudally from the right-
240 side pectoral fin using sterilised needles. At the same time, a small fin clip was taken from their caudal fin,
241 allowing for genotyping, sex determination, and parental assignment as in Debes et al. (2021), and thereby,
242 individual identification from that point on.

243 Individual phenotypic characteristics were recorded five times between April 2019 and February 2020 at 2–
244 3-month intervals (Figure 1; M1–M5). These include body mass, body length, and two life-history
245 phenotypes. These phenotypes were migration phenotype (smolt or parr; which in wild fish indicates the
246 initiation of marine migration) and status of sexual maturity. Migration phenotype was checked at every
247 measurement session from June 2019 to February 2020 (M2–M5). Maturation status was checked in
248 Nov/Dec 2019 and February 2020 (M4–M5). Maturation status was checked by carefully stroking each
249 individual's abdomen towards the vent; Fish releasing milt were categorised as mature. No females showed
250 any signs of maturation e.g., bloated belly. Migrant (smolt) vs. resident (parr) phenotype was checked using
251 criteria including level of silvering and occurrence of parr marks. Individuals were recorded as having
252 smolted from the time point following the last recording of resident (parr) characteristics.

253 For measurements, fish were netted from their holding tank to a continuously aerated anaesthetic bath
254 (MS222, 0.125 g L⁻¹, sodium bicarbonate-buffered) at a similar temperature (within 1°C) to the tank water.
255 Each individual's body mass was then recorded to the nearest 0.01 g (April, July) and subsequently 0.1 g
256 using a digital scale (Scout STX222 or STX6201, Ohaus, Parsippany, USA). Fork length (length from snout to
257 fork of tail) was measured to the nearest mm using a digital fish-measurement board (DCS5, Big Fin
258 Scientific, Austin, TX, USA), after which migration and maturation phenotypes were recorded and the fish
259 were returned to its tank. Those performing the measurements were blind to the genotype and population
260 of origin of the fish, but not temperature and feeding treatment.

261 STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

262 **Sample size.** As no females matured during the focal period, this study focuses solely on males. Due to the
263 initially unknown rates of early maturation and mortality, we aimed for a sample size as high as possible
264 given our supply of eggs from the hatcheries. This was to ensure we would have sufficient statistical power
265 to test for the direct- and interaction-effects of our genetic and environmental factors. By April 2019, a
266 total of 2657 males were tagged. By the following winter (Feb 2020), 263 males died prematurely, while
267 124 had been euthanized for use in another project (balanced among tanks, sex, *vgll3* genotypes, and
268 families). A further 98 males were excluded due to incomplete genotype data, and 2 were excluded due to
269 other incomplete data. A total of 2170 males were thus included in the final analysis.

270 **Dataset and included variables.** Each male individual counted as one observation. We included only fish
271 with successfully identified *vgll3* genotypes, parental identities, and sex. The variables included were *vgll3*
272 genotype (*EE*, *EL*, *LL*), population of origin (Neva, Oulu), feeding treatment (control, low-fat), temperature
273 treatment (cold, warm), migration phenotype status as observed by February 2020 (migrant, resident),
274 maturation status by February 2020 (matured, not matured), log body mass (g, mean centred and SD
275 scaled) and body condition (%, mean centred and SD scaled) in July 2019. This timepoint for body condition
276 and mass was chosen as the one most likely relevant for future maturation, representing the state of body
277 reserves before the enlarging gonads start influencing body condition (Rowe et al., 1991). Body condition
278 was calculated as the residuals of a linear model of the log body mass (g) against the log body length (mm)
279 on the entire study population, thus being represented as percent difference in body mass from the
280 expected body mass (given length). *vgll3* genotype was split into two variables, one for the gene's additive
281 effect (*vgll3_{add}*, coded *EE*=1, *EL*=0, *LL*=-1) and one for the dominance-effect, i.e., deviance from an additive
282 pattern (*vgll3_{dom}*, coded *EE*=0, *EL*=1, *LL*=0) as in Xiang et al. (2018).

283 **Maturation probability models.** We used a general linear mixed-effect modelling approach (Bernoulli
284 distributed, logit link) to examine how maturation probability (response variable) associated with the
285 explanatory variables *vgll3* genotype, population of origin, feed treatment, temperature treatment, body
286 condition, body mass and migration phenotype. Although the covariates body condition, body mass, and
287 migration phenotype were not experimentally manipulated variables, they were included in the full model

288 as explanatory variables to improve the model's overall fit and to examine how these biologically relevant
289 covariates interact with the genetic and environmental factors (Model-Mat-Cov or "full model"). For
290 comparison, we also fitted an alternative no-covariate model which excluded body condition, body mass,
291 and migration phenotype (Model-Mat-Nocov or "no-covariate model"). We fitted interactions between
292 *vgl3* and temperature treatment, population of origin, feeding treatment, body condition, body mass, and
293 migration phenotype. Additionally, we fitted an interaction between population and temperature, as well
294 as temperature- and population interactions with the covariates body condition, body mass, and migration
295 phenotype. Rearing tanks were included as random effects (on the intercept) to account for between-tank
296 (i.e., environmental) variation. Relatedness was accounted for by including the pedigree information (up to
297 the grandparents) into the model using an animal model approach (Henderson, 1973; Wilson et al., 2010),
298 i.e., using the inverse of the additive genetic relatedness matrix to fit an effect of the individual animal as a
299 random effect (on the intercept), which also gives an estimate of the additive genetic variance. Heritability
300 was calculated using the no-covariate model only, using the estimates of additive genetic variance as
301 described in de Villemereuil (2021). Variance explained by *vgl3* was estimated as in Debes et al. (2021).

302 **Supplemental models.** Four supplemental models were fitted to explore whether *vgl3* associated with any
303 of the three non-independent covariates as response variables: body mass (Model-Mass), body condition
304 (Model-Cond), and migration phenotype (Model-MigPheno). These models were fitted using the same
305 explanatory variables as the no-covariate maturation probability model (*vgl3*, temperature, population,
306 feed), but with the following differences: Model-Mass and Model-Cond were fitted using an identity-link
307 instead of a logit link, making them linear mixed-effect models instead of generalised linear mixed-effect
308 models; in addition, Model-Mass and Model-Cond did not include feeding treatment as an explanatory
309 variable since the measure of body mass and condition used in these models was recorded before the
310 feeding treatment started (Figure 1). Finally, to allow for a closer examination of *vgl3*'s effect on body
311 condition, an additional model was fitted for body condition including migration phenotype as a covariate
312 (Model-Cond-Cov).

313 **Model fitting approach.** All models were fitted and analysed using a Bayesian approach for generalised-
314 and non-generalized linear mixed models. Models were fitted using *Rstan* via the *R* package *brms*. All
315 models were fitted using 4 MCMC chains run for 3000 transitions, discarding the 500 first transitions of
316 each chain for warmup, thus totalling 10000 posterior samples for each model. For the maturation- and
317 migration phenotype models, prior distributions of the intercept, effect sizes, and the SDs of the random
318 effects were all set to a relatively non-informative normal distribution with a mean of 0 and a standard
319 deviation of 2. For the body condition and body mass models, the same parameters were given priors with
320 a normal distribution of 0 and a standard deviation of 1. All model fits were verified using a visual posterior
321 predictive check and checked for influential points by inspecting pareto k diagnostic values. Model-Mass
322 had a large proportion of highly influential points (23.1% of values with $K > 0.7$), motivating a more careful
323 interpretation of this model. Full model summaries can be found in supplementary material S2. Interactions
324 were generally considered non-significant when the 95% credible interval of their effect size included 0. For
325 some of those cases (noted in results), we simplified the model estimates by calculating the unconditional
326 (marginal) mean estimates of the main effects. Unconditional estimates were calculated as the mean of
327 one effect (i.e. *vgl3*) over all levels of the non-significant interaction variable (i.e feeding treatment). All
328 these calculations were done using the posterior distributions of the parameter estimates (effect sizes)
329 taken from the *rstan* output.

330 **Statistical software.** All analyses were performed in the *Rstudio* v.2022.02.3 (RStudio Team, 2022)
331 software environment running *R* v.4.1.2 (R Core Team, 2021) and *Rstan* v2.21.5 (Stan Development Team,
332 2022). R packages used for analysis were *brms* v.2.17.0 (Bürkner, 2017, 2018, 2021) for working with *Rstan*
333 models, *loo* v.2.5.1 (Vehtari et al., 2017, 2022) for inspecting pareto k diagnostic values, *ggplot2* v3.3.5

334 (Wickham et al., 2021) for visualization, and *tidyverse* v1.3.1 (Wickham et al., 2019) for various
335 programming and data management tasks.

336 RESULTS

337 **Observed maturation rates.** The overall male maturation rates in the Oulu and Neva populations were
338 13.3% and 32.6%, respectively (of n=1335 & 835). Across-population maturation rates in the cold and warm
339 treatments were 6.7% and 36.6% (of n=1154 & 1016), while *vgfl3* genotype-specific maturation rates were
340 6.6%, 18.2%, and 35.6% for *vgfl3* genotypes *LL*, *EL*, and *EE* (of n=457, 1095 & 618), respectively (Table 1).

341 ***Vgfl3.*** Maturation probability was higher for each carried *vgfl3*E* allele (Table 2, Figure 2). This increase was
342 largely additive, as we found no significant dominance-effect of either allele. Only in the full maturation
343 model were there indications of a dominance effect for the E allele, but the effect was small and its 95%
344 credible interval overlapped with zero (Model-Mat-Cov, Figure 3). The only variable having a clearly
345 significant interaction with *vgfl3* was body condition, and as such, no significant interactions with *vgfl3* (on
346 maturation probability) were found for population, temperature, feed, body mass, or migration phenotype.
347 The full maturation model (Model-Mat-Cov, Figure 3) estimated that each carried *vgfl3*E* allele increased
348 the odds of maturation 7.42-fold [95% CI: 3.23, 20.17] (unconditional on interactions with feed,
349 temperature, population, and migration phenotype), and that each carried E allele was estimated to
350 increase the body-condition effect 1.56-fold [95% CI: 1.13, 2.21]. *Vgfl3*-effects on the migration phenotype,
351 body condition, and body mass covariates were all close to zero (Suppl. Mat. Figure S2.2, S2.3, S2.4).

352 **Temperature and population.** Maturation probability was higher in the warm temperature treatment
353 compared to the cold, and temperature and population interacted so that the maturation probability
354 difference between temperatures was higher in the Neva population (Figure 4, Figure 3, Table 2).
355 Compared to the cold-treatment fish, the warm-treatment Neva and Oulu fish were, respectively,
356 estimated to have a 131.87-fold [95% CI: 44.06, 539.21] and 20.89-fold [9.14, 56.71] higher odds of
357 maturing (Model-Mat-Nocov, Figure 3). Maturation probability was thus higher for Neva fish, but only
358 significantly so in the warm temperature treatment. Compared to Oulu fish, Neva fish had a 13.88-fold
359 [95% CI: 3.08, 76.89] higher odds of maturing in the warm treatment, but only a 2.20-fold [95% CI: 0.47,
360 11.07] higher odds of maturing in the cold treatment (in the no-covariate model).

361 The estimated population-effect and interaction with temperature was reduced in the full model which
362 included the covariates body mass, body condition and migration phenotype (Model-Mat-Cov, Figure 3); In
363 that model (using the same comparison as above), compared to Oulu fish, Neva fish had a 4.32-fold [95%
364 CI: 0.54, 37.30] higher odds of maturing in the warm treatment, and a 1.39-fold [95% CI: 0.19, 10.48] higher
365 odds of maturing in the cold treatment.

366 Body mass was higher in the Neva population and in the warm temperature treatment, with the modelled
367 body mass of Neva fish estimated to be 151.44% [95% CI: 95.66, 223.48] higher than Oulu fish, and the
368 body mass of fish in the warm treatment being 73.73% [95% CI: 44.85, 107.00] higher than in the cold
369 treatment (Model-Mass, Suppl. Mat. Figure S2.3). The probability of smolting (transitioning to the migrant
370 phenotype) was higher for the Neva population and in the warm treatment, with the Neva fish having an
371 estimated 18.69-fold [95% CI: 3.95, 104.74] increase in the odds of smolting compared to Oulu, and the
372 warm-treatment fish having a 20.87-fold [95% CI: 5.99, 93.13] increase in the odds of smolting compared to
373 the cold-treatment fish (Model-MigPheno, Suppl. Mat. Figure S2.4). There were no significant interactions
374 between population and temperature in their effect on body mass or migration phenotype.

375 **Body condition.** Maturation probability increased with higher body condition (Figure 2), and this effect had
376 a small and slightly uncertain interaction with population so that the effect of body condition was slightly

377 higher for Oulu fish (Model-Mat-Cov, Figure 3). The effect of body condition was similar in both
 378 temperatures (no significant interaction). For an Oulu fish, an increase in body condition of one standard
 379 deviation resulted in a 3.30-fold [95% CI: 2.37, 5.07] increase in the predicted odds of maturing, while for a
 380 Neva fish, the increase in predicted odds was 2.28-fold [95% CI: 1.53, 3.71] (both estimates unconditional
 381 on temperature).

382 **Table 1.** Observed maturation rates for male Atlantic salmon for all combinations of *vgl3* genotype, temperature
 383 treatments and population of origin. The numbers in parentheses indicate the total number of fish in that group.

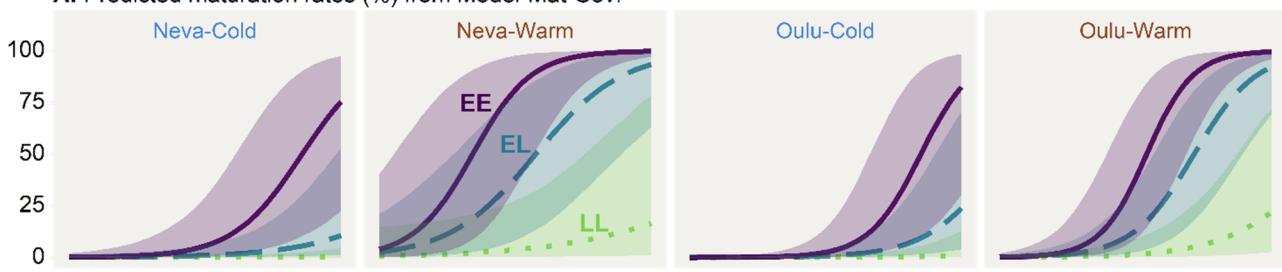
Group	LL	EL	EE	Total
Neva	13.6% (147)	28.7% (422)	49.2% (266)	32.6% (835)
Oulu	3.2% (310)	11.6% (673)	25.3% (352)	13.3% (1335)
Warm	13.0% (215)	32.9% (517)	61.3% (284)	36.6% (1016)
Cold	0.8% (242)	5.0% (578)	13.8% (334)	6.7% (1154)
Neva, warm	27.4% (73)	48.8% (217)	76.4% (140)	54.2% (430)
Neva, cold	0.0% (74)	7.3% (205)	19.0% (126)	9.6% (405)
Oulu, warm	5.6% (142)	21.3% (300)	46.5% (144)	23.7% (586)
Oulu, cold	1.2% (168)	3.8% (373)	10.6% (208)	5.1% (749)
Total	6.6% (457)	18.2% (1095)	35.6% (618)	20.7% (2170)

384 **Table 2.** Predicted maturation probabilities based on the no-covariate maturation model (Model-Mat-Nocov) for male
 385 Atlantic salmon in different grouped combinations of *vgl3* genotype, temperature treatment and population of origin.
 386 Brackets indicate 95% credible intervals. For these predictions, feed treatment was set to control-feed.

Group	LL	EL	EE
Neva-Cold	0.2% [0.0%,1.5%]	1.3% [0.2%,5.1%]	7.2% [1.2%,26.3%]
Neva-warm	14.0% [2.2%,50.6%]	61.6% [30.7%,86.7%]	93.2% [75.6%,98.8%]
Oulu-Cold	0.1% [0.0%,0.8%]	0.6% [0.1%,2.0%]	2.6% [0.5%,9.5%]
Oulu-warm	1.6% [0.2%,7.1%]	10.7% [3.5%,24.4%]	43.4% [16.9%,73.9%]

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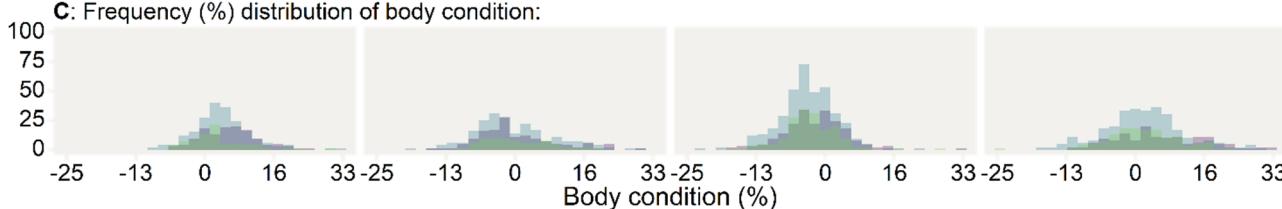
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B: Observed maturation rates (%):



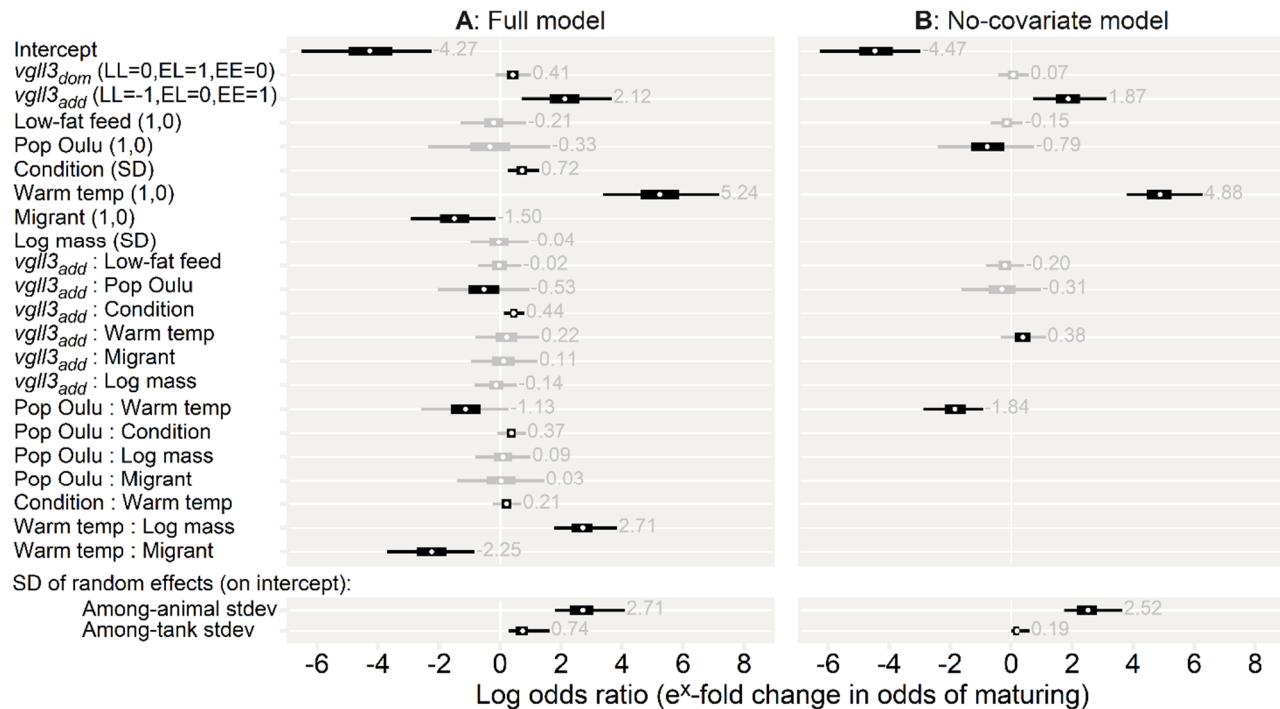
C: Frequency (%) distribution of body condition:



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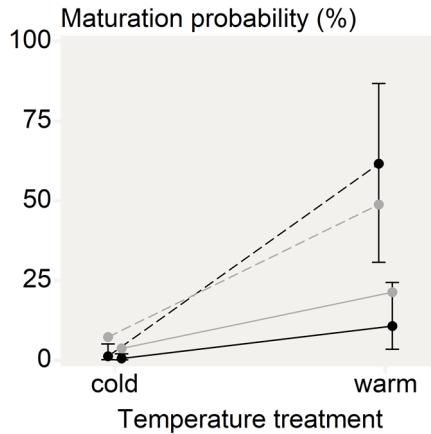
389 **Figure 2.** Predicted (A) maturation probabilities and observed (B) maturation rates for three different *vgl3* genotypes
 390 (Purple-solid=EE, Blue-dashed=EL, Green-dotted=LL), two temperature treatments (Cold, Warm), and two populations
 391 of origin (Neva, Oulu), plotted against body condition. C) shows corresponding frequency distributions of body
 392 condition. Body condition represents the percentage difference in body mass from the expected body mass given
 393 body length. Lines represent the mean predicted maturation probability, with shaded areas around the lines indicating
 394 the 95% credible interval for the predictions (overlap is not an indicator of significance). Predictions are based on the
 395 full model for maturation probability (Model-Mat-Cov, Figure 3, Table S2.4). Body mass for predictions is set to the
 396 mean of the whole study population and the migration-phenotype parameter is set to 0.5 (giving an estimate
 397 unconditional on migration-phenotype).

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400 **Figure 3.** Effect sizes (parameter estimates) for the two maturation probability models. A) Parameter estimates for the
 401 full model (Model-Mat-Cov). B) A simplified model that only includes independent variables (Model-Mat-Nocov).
 402 Effects are shown as log odds ratios, thus indicating relative change in odds (odds = probability of maturing divided by
 403 the probability of not maturing); Odds 0, 1 and infinite convert to probabilities 0, 50% and 100%, respectively. Thick
 404 and thin sections of bars indicate 97.5% and 50% credible intervals, respectively. As a visual aid, intervals are coloured
 405 grey if they include 0. Grey numbers show the mean parameter estimate. Parentheses indicate the levels of the
 406 variables, and all variables are set to 0 for the intercept. The first level in parenthesis is the written level. Body
 407 condition and log body mass are SD scaled and mean-centred (mean=0), so the parameter estimates indicate the
 408 effect of increasing or decreasing either of these variables with one SD. The *vgl3_{dom}* parameter indicates the degree of
 409 dominance displayed by either of the alleles. The lower section shows the standard deviation of the random effects,
 410 representing the degree of among-tank variation and among-animal variation (additive genetic standard deviation).
 411 The full model summaries can be found in the supplementary materials (Tables S2.4, S2.5)



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413 **Figure 4.** Predicted maturation probabilities (black) and observed maturation rates (grey) for fish from the Oulu (solid
414 line) and Neva (dashed line) populations in each temperature treatment (mean temperatures: cold=6.9°C,
415 warm=8.6°C) with the *vgII3*EL* genotype in the control-feed treatment. The predictions are based on the no-covariate
416 maturation model (Model-Mat-Nocov, Figure 3, Table S2. 5). Error bars show the 95% credible interval of each
417 prediction (overlap is not an indicator of significance).

418 **Body mass.** Higher body mass was associated with higher maturation probability, but only in the warm
419 temperature treatment. The effect of body mass was similar in both populations (no significant
420 interaction). The full maturation model (Model-Mat-Cov, figure 3) estimated that an increase in body mass
421 by one SD would increase the odds of maturing 15.06-fold [95% CI: 7.03, 40.89] in the warm treatment and
422 1.00-fold [95% CI: 0.46, 2.27] in the cold treatment (both estimates unconditional on population).

423 **Migration phenotype.** Observed maturation-rates were higher among fish that had smolted (transitioned
424 to the migrant phenotype) prior to spawning, being 23% amongst migrants (smolt, n=1586) and 13%
425 amongst residents (parr n=584). However, after accounting for body mass and body condition, smolting
426 prior to the spawning season was associated with a lower maturation probability, and this effect was
427 stronger in the warm temperature treatment. The effect of migration phenotype was the same for all *vgII3*
428 genotypes and in both populations (no significant interactions). The full maturation model (Model-Mat-Cov,
429 Figure 3) estimated that the migrant phenotype in the cold treatment had a 0.22-fold [95% CI: 0.05, 0.86]
430 lower odds of maturing compared to the resident phenotype, and 0.02-fold [95% CI: 0.00, 0.11] lower odds
431 in the warm temperature treatment (both estimates unconditional on population). 73% (n=1526) of the fish
432 in this study had smolted by early 2020 (winter of third year post-fertilization), of which 30% (n=357) also
433 matured. See supplementary table S2.10 for an overview of combined smolting and maturation rates.

434 **Feed.** The low-fat feed had no significant effect on maturation probability nor any detectable interactions
435 with any other variables (Model-Mat-Cov, Model-Mat-Nocov, Figure 3).

436 **Random effects and heritability.** In the full maturation model (Model-Mat-Cov, Figure 3), the estimated
437 among-tank variation in maturation probability equated to an average 2.10-fold [95% CI: 1.32, 5.04]
438 deviation from the model's intercept, which indicates relatively minor tank-related environmental effects
439 on maturation. The among-animal variation was larger, with an average deviation of the model's intercept
440 equating to a 15.04-fold [95% CI: 6.03, 59.59] change in odds of maturation from the mean. For example,
441 for a mean maturation probability of 50%, the among animal (additive genetic) standard deviation would
442 equate to a range in probabilities going from 91% to 10%.

443 Total heritability (estimated from the no-covariate maturation model) including variation caused by *vgII3*
444 was estimated at 0.69 [95% CI: 0.54, 0.82] indicating that around 69% of the remaining variation in
445 maturation probability after accounting for the other model terms (temperature treatment, feed,
446 population) could be ascribed to additive genetic effects, suggesting there is a proportionally large amount

447 of additive genetic variance for male maturation. The additive variance contributed by *vgll3* was estimated
448 at 0.13 [95% CI:0.05,0.23].

449 **DISCUSSION**

450 **Population and temperature.** We found variation in population-level thermal reaction norms for early male
451 maturation. Maturation probability was higher in the Neva population, but only significantly so in the warm
452 temperature treatment. Both populations displayed considerably higher maturation rates in the warm-
453 compared to the cold treatment, and this response was stronger for the Neva population. This could
454 indicate higher thermal sensitivity of fish from the Neva population, and that future temperature increases
455 as a consequence of climate change could have a stronger effect on this population in terms of maturation
456 timing.

457 Temperature is known to have a large influence on maturation timing in salmon, although experimental
458 studies have found mixed results regarding the direction of this effect. Some studies have observed an
459 increase in parr maturation with increased temperature (Fjelldal et al., 2011; Imsland et al., 2014), some
460 have observed reductions (Herbinger & Friars, 1992), and some have observed no change at all (Baum et
461 al., 2005). Some of these discrepancies are likely due to differences in the temperatures used and the
462 timing of the temperature treatments. Our findings show that a life-long chronic difference in mean
463 temperature of 1.8°C (from 6.9 to 8.6°C) can cause a large increase in the probability of early maturation
464 for male Atlantic salmon, in our case going from an observed maturation rate of 6.7% to 36.6%. Further,
465 given the relatively high heritability of maturation probability at 0.7 (of which the *vgll3* locus contributes
466 0.13), we find that there is strong potential for natural selection on this trait, which could either counteract
467 or exacerbate the influence of climate change on maturation timing, depending on its fitness effects.

468 Adaptation to colder environments sometimes involves an increased growth rate to compensate for the
469 slowed-down growth and metabolism that happens at lower temperatures (countergradient variation). This
470 has been found for several species of fish (Baumann & Conover, 2011; Conover et al., 1997; Conover &
471 Present, 1990; Yamahira et al., 2007; Yamahira & Conover, 2002), but the pattern is not universal (Belk et
472 al., 2005; Hutchings et al., 2007; Oomen & Hutchings, 2016). With countergradient variation, we would
473 have expected the Oulu fish to display an inherently higher growth rate compared to the Neva fish, as the
474 Oulu population originates about 500 km further north than the Neva population. Instead, we found that
475 the Neva fish outperformed the Oulu fish in terms of growth at both temperatures (mean 8.6°C and
476 6.89°C). Nevertheless, the population-based difference in maturation was non-significant at the cold
477 temperature, which could be interpreted as growth being less inhibited by the cold temperature treatment
478 in Oulu fish. Interesting follow-up research could include assessment of whether the Neva fish would
479 maintain higher growth rates than the Oulu fish at even lower temperatures, or if the Oulu fish would be
480 more robust to a further temperature decrease. Another source of variation between the populations could
481 be differences between the hatcheries where the broodstock fish are initially reared. However, we do not
482 expect this to have a large impact as the hatcheries are not applying any specific selection to the fish they
483 are using, and all broodstock fish have completed a marine migration before being taken into the facilities.

484 ***Vgll3* effects.** In the time since the first finding of the association between *vgll3* and Atlantic salmon age at
485 maturity (Ayllon et al., 2015; Barson et al., 2015), this effect of *vgll3* on maturation has been validated in
486 three common-garden studies using male Atlantic salmon in their first-year post fertilization (Debes et al.,
487 2021; Sinclair-Waters et al., 2022; Verta et al., 2020). The current study builds on these findings by showing
488 that the effect of *vgll3* genotype on maturation timing also holds for male Atlantic salmon reared in
489 common, but cooler and less controlled, thermal conditions than the previous studies, as well as showing
490 that the relative effect of *vgll3* remains similar independent of a 1.8°C temperature difference, and
491 independent of any potential genetic or epigenetic influences of the population of origin. Additionally, the

492 design of this experiment allowed us to quantify the relative effect of *vgl3* on maturation compared to the
493 effect of temperature, and we found that the effect of a single *vgl3*E* allele on maturation was 39% that of
494 a 1.8°C temperature increase

495 We modelled maturation probability using a threshold model (logit-link) in which we assume that
496 maturation (a binary trait) is determined by some underlying liability trait that must reach a certain
497 threshold to initiate the maturation process. The positive effect of *vgl3* genotype and temperature on the
498 liability of maturation can be interpreted as these predictors either 1) having a positive effect on the
499 unknown liability trait itself, or 2) lowering the liability trait's threshold to induce maturation. Somatic
500 growth is often assumed to be a key liability trait for maturation (Taranger et al., 2010), however, by
501 separately modelling body condition and body mass as response variables, we found *vgl3* to not
502 significantly affect either of these traits directly, which means either that *vgl3* influence arises through
503 other non-measured liability traits which do not perfectly associate with body condition or growth, or that
504 *vgl3* works by changing the threshold of maturation for body condition and growth. This contrasts slightly
505 with what was found in Debes et al (2021), where a small effect of *vgl3* was found on body condition.
506 However, that study had higher sample sizes (N=2608) of both sexes from a single population (Neva) and
507 temperature, used fish in their first-year post-fertilization (i.e. no individuals had undergone smoltification),
508 and covered multiple timepoints reaching well into autumn. It was also noted that the presence and
509 magnitude of the association varied across time, and between feeding treatments and sexes. Here, we used
510 fish in their second-year post-fertilization and only included body condition in early July, so the different
511 results may be attributed to any of these differing factors. Further, 73% of the fish in our study also
512 underwent the smolting process (table S2.10), which we found to affect body condition, and it is possible
513 that an imperfect accounting of this effect could mask a *vgl3*-body condition association, or the
514 smoltification process itself may modify the association.

515 The interaction between *vgl3* and body condition indicates an effect on the body condition threshold for
516 affecting maturation, which becomes lower and narrower for each *vgl3*E* allele in the genotype (Figure
517 3A). On the other hand, the lack of an interaction between *vgl3* and temperature indicates that their
518 relative effects (relative to the contribution of the other predictors) are independent of each other. The
519 effect of *vgl3* was also similar between the two populations, indicating that any genetic or epigenetic
520 factors that were different between the two populations did not significantly interact with the mechanisms
521 of this large-effect locus.

522 We found no signs of a dominance pattern for the effect of *vgl3* on maturation probability, which is in line
523 with what has been found in some other common-garden studies on early maturation in male Atlantic
524 salmon (Debes et al., 2021; Sinclair-Waters et al., 2022), but not all (Verta et al., 2020) and not with the
525 initial GWAS study on wild-caught individuals which found a sex-dependent dominance pattern for *vgl3*
526 (Barson et al., 2015).

527 **Feed, body mass and condition.** Acquisition of sufficient energy stores is a key part of the process leading
528 up to sexual maturation (Berglund, 1992; Norrgård et al., 2014; Rowe et al., 1991; Reviewed in Mobley et
529 al., 2021). In line with this, we found body mass and body condition to strongly affect maturation
530 probability, with individuals having larger body mass or body condition being associated with an increased
531 probability of maturation. The observation that both body condition and mass were estimated to have
532 significant effects within the same model could indicate that these traits have independent effects on
533 maturation timing, and that both traits need to be considered together to gain a complete understanding
534 of the maturation processes. In terms of the relative effects of these traits, body mass had the strongest
535 effect on maturation probability, and one standard deviation of log body mass had a 4.4 times larger effect
536 than one standard deviation of body condition (in the warm temperature treatment, see below). Body
537 condition is known to correlate with body fat content in Atlantic salmon (Herbinger & Friars, 1991) and

538 other fish (Chellappa et al., 1995; Mozsár et al., 2015), and has been shown to be important for early male
539 maturation in Atlantic salmon (Rowe et al., 1991; Simpson, 1992) and in chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus*
540 *tshawytscha*) (Shearer & Swanson, 2000). The observed effect of body condition on maturation is then
541 likely due to the influence of lipid stores (Parker & Cheung, 2020), while body mass might reflect other
542 unrelated growth- or development-related factors.

543 Similar to what has been previously demonstrated in nine-spined stickleback (Kuparinen et al., 2011), we
544 found temperature to affect maturation not only through growth in body size but also through some other
545 unknown pathway (as temperature still had a large effect on maturation after accounting for growth),
546 further indicating that there are other biological processes important for maturation that do not involve
547 body mass or body condition.

548 The effect of body mass on maturation was only observed in the warm temperature treatment, further
549 emphasising the differences in the influences of body mass and body condition; In the cold treatment, no
550 effect of body mass was found, yet the effect of body condition remained. This could indicate that body
551 mass does not start to influence maturation before the individual has reached a certain developmental
552 threshold which is affected by temperature. As far as we are aware, such an interaction between
553 temperature and body mass has not been described before. For future research, it might be helpful to see
554 this finding replicated using a higher number of temperature treatments and with smaller temperature
555 increments. If this is a general pattern between temperature, growth and maturation, it could mean that
556 the sensitivity of different populations to climate change in terms of life history could be closely connected
557 to their somatic growth rate.

558 No effect of the feeding treatment was detected for the probability of maturation, so fish that were fed the
559 fat-reduced diet from July and onwards i.e., four months prior to spawning, had the same probability of
560 maturing as those fed the control feed. This suggests that either the reduction in fat was not sufficient,
561 and/or the maturation process had been initiated prior to the start of the treatment. This is in line with the
562 findings reported by Debes et al. (2021) who applied a 2-day vs. 7-day per week *ad libitum* feeding
563 restriction treatment for a six-week period starting in September (2-3 months prior to spawning), but did
564 not find any difference in maturation probability between the treatments despite large effects of the
565 feeding treatment on growth and condition.

566 CONCLUSION

567 Temperature, population of origin, and *vgfl3* genotype each had a significant influence on maturation in
568 two year old Atlantic salmon males. We found a population-dependent thermal reaction norm for
569 maturation probability, suggesting that the two populations might respond differently to climate change in
570 terms of life-history strategies. We also found the effect of body mass on maturation to be highly
571 temperature-dependent, which suggests that responses to temperature changes in different populations
572 could be connected to individual growth rates within each population. Further understanding of this
573 pattern could benefit by exploring a larger range of temperatures. The relative influence of *vgfl3* on
574 maturation probability was the same for both temperatures and populations, suggesting that the relative
575 contribution of *vgfl3* to maturation timing is similar between Atlantic salmon populations for early male
576 maturation. In terms of the mechanisms by which *vgfl3* influences maturation, we did not find significant
577 influences of *vgfl3* on body mass or body condition, suggesting that a significant portion of *vgfl3*'s influence
578 is coming from pathways other than growth, or through lowering the growth threshold of maturation.

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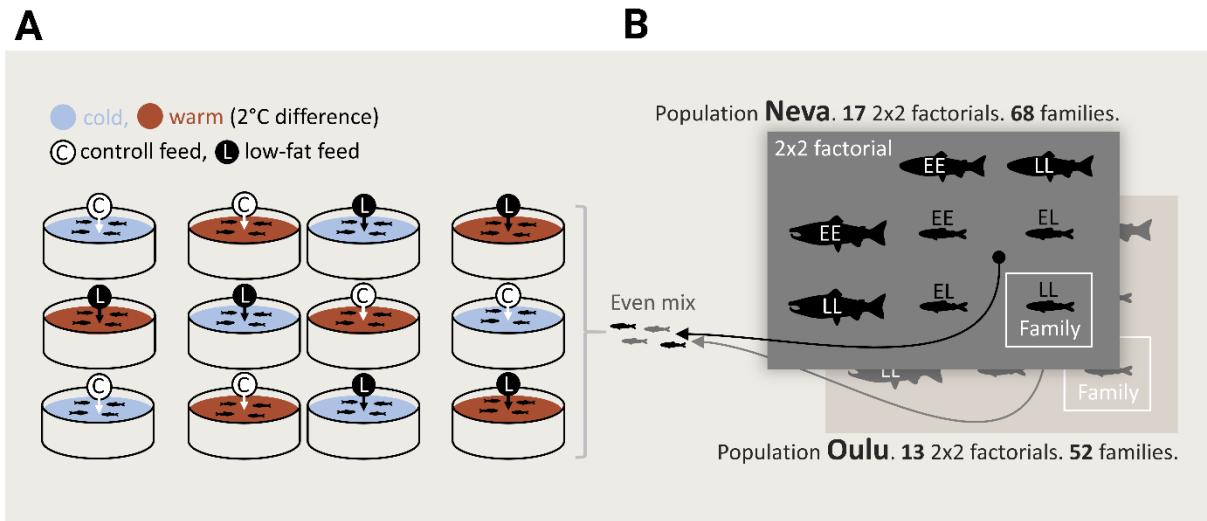
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800 **SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL 1: Supplementary methods and design**



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802 **Figure S1.1-Design.** Crossing, rearing, and experimental design. A) Shows the experimental tanks, their temperature-
803 and feed treatments, as well as their relative positions in the room. B) Shows the crossing design, where unrelated
804 parents from either the Neva or Oulu population were crossed in a series of 2×2 factorials (one *vgl3*EE* male and
805 female and one *vgl3*LL* male and female) so that each 2×2 factorial yielded four families, one of each of the four
806 reciprocal *vgl3* genotypes (EE, EL, LE or LL), i.e., all offspring within a family had the same *vgl3* genotype. Only
807 individuals from the same population were crossed together. Roughly equal numbers of individuals from each family
808 and population were placed into the 12 experimental tanks. C) A photograph of the experimental tanks taken in
809 March 2020, showing tanks, feeders, and camouflage nets covering the tanks. The system relies on a constant flow of
810 water drawn directly from the local lake Pääjärvi, which is where the water's brown colour comes from.

811 **Table S1.1-Feed:** Usage overview of different pellet sizes. The table shows the date of first use of each pellet size for
 812 the different temperature- and feeding treatments. Pellet sizes were matched to the growth of the fish in the
 813 respective treatments. For future reference, this table contains dates used for the entire experiment; dates with
 814 asterisks are not included in this particular study. Feeds with end use “...” were used until the end of the experiment,
 815 and dates marked * are outside the time-scope of this paper.

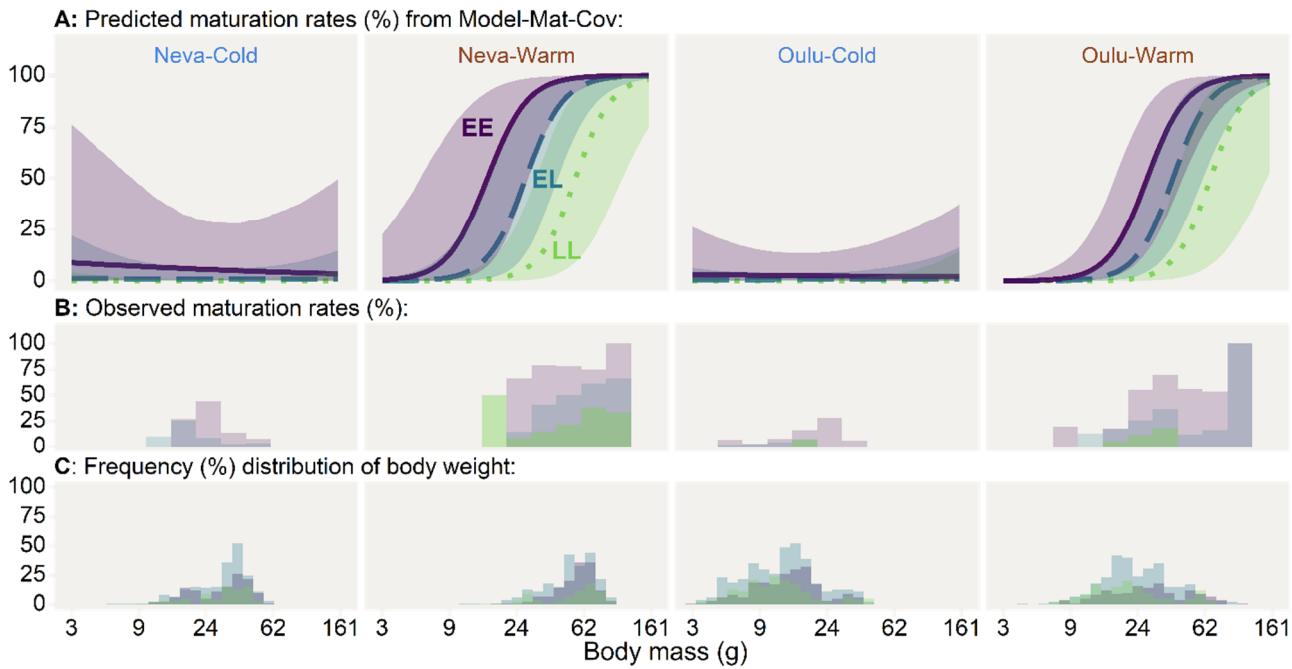
Feed	Temp	Size (mm)	Start use	End use
low fat	warm	1,2	10.07.2019	*16.08.2020
low fat	warm	1,7	10.07.2019	*20.07.2020
low fat	warm	2,5	16.08.2019	*16.08.2020
low fat	warm	3,5	01.09.2019	*15.05.2021
low fat	warm	5	07.10.2019	...
low fat	warm	7	*01.05.2020	...
low fat	cold	1,2	17.07.2019	*20.12.2020
low fat	cold	1,7	17.07.2019	*04.04.2021
low fat	cold	2,5	16.08.2019	*04.04.2021
low fat	cold	3,5	09.09.2019	*04.04.2021
low fat	cold	5	07.10.2019	*04.04.2021
low fat	cold	7	*25.05.2020	*04.04.2021
controll	warm	0,8	23.02.2018	10.07.2019
Controll	warm	1,2	29.05.2019	*16.08.2020
Controll	warm	1,7	29.05.2019	*20.07.2020
Controll	warm	2,5	16.08.2019	*08.11.2020
Controll	warm	3,5	01.09.2019	*15.05.2021
Controll	warm	5	07.10.2019	...
Controll	warm	7	*01.05.2020	...
controll	cold	0,8	10.03.2018	10.07.2019
Controll	cold	1,2	29.05.2019	*20.12.2020
Controll	cold	1,7	29.05.2019	*04.04.2021
Controll	cold	2,5	16.08.2019	*04.04.2021
Controll	cold	3,5	09.09.2019	*04.04.2021
Controll	cold	5	07.10.2019	*04.04.2021
Controll	cold	7	*25.05.2020	*04.04.2021

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817 **Table S1.2-Nutrients:** Nutritional overview of different feed types and pellet sizes, as well as intended fish-size range
 818 for different pellet sizes.

Size(mm)	Fish-size (g)	Type	% Moisture	% Ash	% Fat	% Protein	% Carbs	Energy (kj/g)
0,8	0.8-4	control	4,8	8,4	16,9	57,6	12,3	18,1
1,2	4-15	control	5,4	7,2	17,7	53	16,7	18,4
1,2	4-15	low fat	6,3	6,8	13,4	53,3	20,2	17,5
1,7	15-30	control	6,3	7,3	21,6	48,9	15,9	19,0
1,7	15-30	low fat	8,4	7,9	13,7	51,1	18,9	17,0
2,5	25-70	control	5,5	6,6	22,3	47	18,7	19,4
2,5	25-70	low fat	6,0	7,3	12,8	52,2	21,7	17,3
3,5	60-125	control	4,9	5,8	26,2	45,3	17,8	20,4
3,5	60-125	low fat	5,6	6,9	11,7	53,6	22,2	17,2
5	110-500	control	7,7	4,9	29,7	38,4	19,6	20,8
5	110-500	low fat	8,3	6,5	9,7	50,3	25,8	16,5
7	450-2300	control	5,9	4,3	33,7	35,8	20,0	22,0
7	450-2300	low fat	6,4	6,1	9,0	48,8	29,3	16,6

819 **SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL 2: Supplementary results**



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821 **Figure S2.1-Maturation.** Predicted maturation probabilities(A) and observed (B) maturation rates for three different
822 *vgl3* genotypes (Purple-solid=EE, Blue-dashed=EL, Green-dotted=LL), two temperature treatments (Cold, Warm), and
823 two populations of origin (Neva, Oulu), plotted against log-scaled body mass together with frequency distributions of
824 body condition (C). x-axis labels are back-transformed from log scale to represent body mass in grams. Lines represent
825 the mean predicted maturation probability for a given body mass, with shaded areas around the lines indicating the
826 95% credible interval for the predictions (overlap is not an indicator of significance). Predictions are based on the full
827 model for maturation probability (Model-Mat-Cov, Figure 3-A, Table S2.4). For the model predictions, body condition
828 here is to the mean of the whole study population and the migration-phenotype parameter is set to 0.5 (giving an
829 estimate lying between migrant- and resident-phenotype individuals).

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831 **Table S2.1-CondObs.** Observed body conditions for male Atlantic salmon in the summer of their second-year post-
 832 fertilization in different grouped combinations of *vgfl3* genotype, temperature treatments and population of origin.
 833 Numbers after \pm indicate SEM. Body condition is presented as percentage difference from predicted body mass (given
 834 body length). Numbers in parenthesis indicate the total number of fish in that group.

Group	LL	EL	EE	Total
Neva	1.55% \pm 0.54 (147)	1.99% \pm 0.40 (422)	2.99% \pm 0.48 (266)	0.02% \pm 0.00 (835)
Oulu	0.14% \pm 0.67 (310)	-0.59% \pm 0.35 (673)	1.34% \pm 0.48 (352)	0.00% \pm 0.00 (1335)
Warm	2.24% \pm 0.84 (215)	1.45% \pm 0.41 (517)	3.25% \pm 0.56 (284)	0.02% \pm 0.00 (1016)
Cold	-0.87% \pm 0.53 (242)	-0.53% \pm 0.35 (578)	1.03% \pm 0.41 (334)	0.00% \pm 0.00 (1154)
Neva, warm	0.51% \pm 0.79 (73)	0.10% \pm 0.57 (217)	0.67% \pm 0.72 (140)	0.00% \pm 0.00 (430)
Neva, cold	2.58% \pm 0.73 (74)	3.99% \pm 0.52 (205)	5.57% \pm 0.54 (126)	0.04% \pm 0.00 (405)
Oulu, warm	3.13% \pm 1.20 (142)	2.42% \pm 0.56 (300)	5.75% \pm 0.82 (144)	0.03% \pm 0.00 (586)
Oulu, cold	-2.39% \pm 0.66 (168)	-3.02% \pm 0.40 (373)	-1.72% \pm 0.48 (208)	-0.03% \pm 0.00 (749)
Total	0.59% \pm 0.49 (457)	0.40% \pm 0.27 (1095)	2.05% \pm 0.34 (618)	0.01% \pm 0.00 (2170)

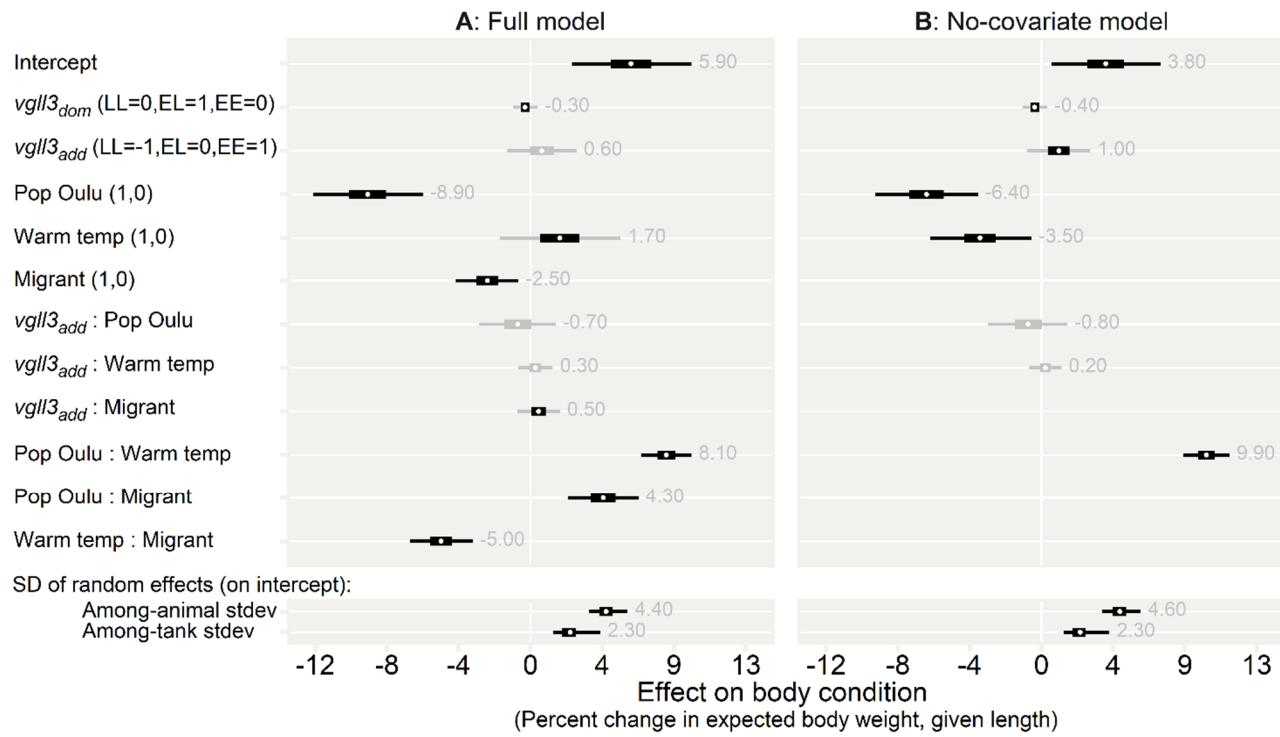
835 **Table S2.2-SmoltObs.** Observed smolting rates for male Atlantic salmon at two years post-fertilization for different
 836 grouped combinations of *vgfl3* genotype, temperature treatments and population of origin. Numbers in parenthesis
 837 indicate total number of fish in that group.

Group	LL	EL	EE	Total
Neva	89.8% (147)	88.6% (422)	94% (266)	90.5% (835)
Oulu	55.8% (310)	62.1% (673)	67.9% (352)	62.2% (1335)
Warm	84.7% (215)	90.9% (517)	92.3% (284)	90% (1016)
Cold	50.8% (242)	55.7% (578)	68% (334)	58.2% (1154)
Neva, warm	94.5% (73)	96.8% (217)	98.6% (140)	97% (430)
Neva, cold	85.1% (74)	80% (205)	88.9% (126)	83.7% (405)
Oulu, warm	79.6% (142)	86.7% (300)	86.1% (144)	84.8% (586)
Oulu, cold	35.7% (168)	42.4% (373)	55.3% (208)	44.5% (749)
Total	66.7% (457)	72.3% (1095)	79.1% (618)	73.1% (2170)

838 **Table S2.3-MassObs.** Observed body mass (g) for male Atlantic salmon in the summer of their second-year post-
 839 fertilization in different grouped combinations of *vgfl3* genotype, temperature treatments and population of origin.
 840 Numbers after \pm indicate the SEM. Numbers in parenthesis indicate the total number of fish in that group

Group	LL	EL	EE	Total
Neva	43.1 \pm 1.6 (147)	42.7 \pm 0.9 (422)	44.7 \pm 1.1 (266)	43.4 \pm 0.6 (835)
Oulu	18.6 \pm 0.8 (310)	20.0 \pm 0.5 (673)	22.0 \pm 0.8 (352)	20.2 \pm 0.4 (1335)
Warm	34.9 \pm 1.5 (215)	38.2 \pm 0.9 (517)	44.2 \pm 1.2 (284)	39.2 \pm 0.7 (1016)
Cold	19.0 \pm 0.8 (242)	20.4 \pm 0.5 (578)	21.1 \pm 0.7 (334)	20.3 \pm 0.4 (1154)
Neva, warm	55.1 \pm 2.3 (73)	53.3 \pm 1.2 (217)	56.5 \pm 1.2 (140)	54.7 \pm 0.8 (430)
Neva, cold	31.3 \pm 1.2 (74)	31.5 \pm 0.8 (205)	31.5 \pm 1.0 (126)	31.5 \pm 0.5 (405)
Oulu, warm	24.5 \pm 1.3 (142)	27.2 \pm 0.8 (300)	32.2 \pm 1.5 (144)	27.8 \pm 0.7 (586)
Oulu, cold	13.6 \pm 0.7 (168)	14.3 \pm 0.4 (373)	14.9 \pm 0.5 (208)	14.3 \pm 0.3 (749)
Total	26.5 \pm 0.9 (457)	28.8 \pm 0.6 (1095)	31.7 \pm 0.8 (618)	29.1 \pm 0.4 (2170)

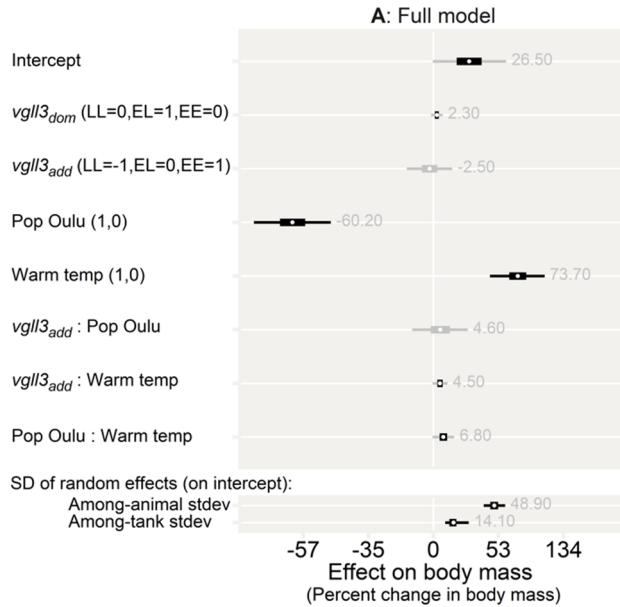
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843 **Figure S2.2-Model-Cond.** Effect sizes (parameter estimates) for the two body condition models. A) Parameter
 844 estimates for the full model. B) A simplified model that only includes independent variables. Effects are transformed
 845 to show the percent change in expected body mass (given length), e.g., an effect size of 5 indicates that an individual
 846 is 5% heavier than what is expected for its mass. Thick and thin sections of bars indicate 97.5% and 50% credible
 847 intervals, respectively. As a visual aid, Intervals are coloured grey if they include 0. Grey numbers show the mean
 848 parameter estimate. Parentheses indicate the levels of the variables, and all variables are set to 0 for the intercept.
 849 The first level in parenthesis is the written level. The $vgl3_{dom}$ parameter indicates the degree of dominance displayed
 850 by either of the alleles. The lower section shows the standard deviation of the random effects, representing the
 851 degree of among-tank variation and among-animal variation (additive genetic standard deviation). The full model
 852 summaries can be found in table S2.6 and S2.7.

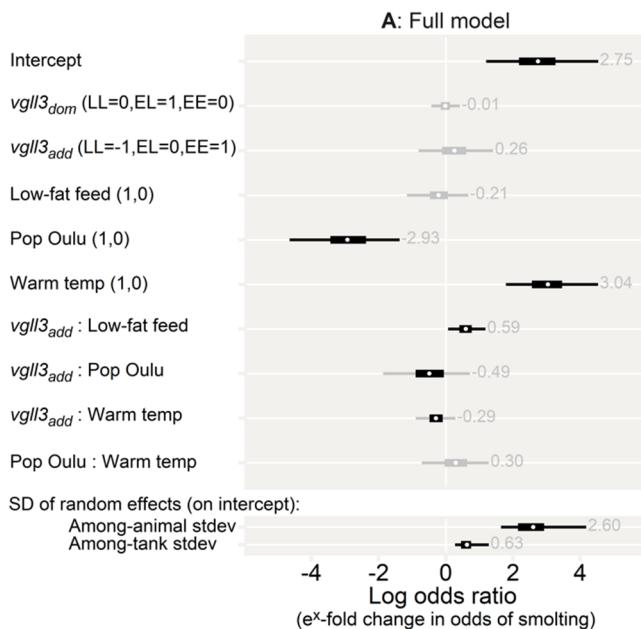
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855 **Figure S2.3-Model-Mass.** Effect sizes (parameter estimates) for the body mass model. Effects are transformed to
 856 show the percent change in body mass. Thick and thin sections of bars indicate 97.5% and 50% credible intervals,
 857 respectively. As a visual aid, intervals are coloured grey if they include 0. Grey numbers show the mean parameter
 858 estimate. Parentheses indicate the levels of the variables, and all variables are set to 0 for the intercept. The first level
 859 in parenthesis is the written level. The $vgll3_{dom}$ parameter indicates the degree of dominance displayed by either of
 860 the alleles. The lower section shows the standard deviation of the random effects, representing the degree of among-
 861 tank variation and among-animal variation (additive genetic standard deviation). The full model summary can be
 862 found in table S2.8.

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865 **Figure S2.4-Model-MigPheno.** Effect sizes (parameter estimates) for the migration phenotype model. Effects are
 866 shown as log odds ratios, thus indicating relative change in odds of transitioning from the resident (parr) to migrant
 867 (smolt) phenotype. Thick and thin sections of bars indicate 97.5% and 50% credible intervals, respectively. As a visual
 868 aid, intervals are coloured grey if they include 0. Grey numbers show the mean parameter estimate. Parentheses
 869 indicate the levels of the variables, and all variables are set to 0 for the intercept. The first level in parenthesis is the
 870 written level. The $vgll3_{dom}$ parameter indicates the degree of dominance displayed by either of the alleles. The lower

871 section shows the standard deviation of the random effects, representing the degree of among-tank variation and
872 among-animal variation (additive genetic standard deviation). The full model summary can be found in table S2.9.

873 **Table S2.4-Summary-Model-Mat-Cov.** Model summary output from *brms*, as well as pareto k diagnostic values from
874 *loo* for the full maturation model (Model-Mat-Cov)

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875 Family: bernoulli
876 Links: mu = logit
877 Formula: matured.5 ~ 1 + vgl13_dom + vgl13_add * (feed + population + condition.mc.sc + temp + smolted.5 +
878 weight.log.mc.sc) + population:temp + (population + temp):(condition.mc.sc + weight.log.mc.sc + smolted.5) + (1 |
879 gr(Animal, cov = matrix_A)) + (1 | tank)
880 Data: data (Number of observations: 2170)
881 Draws: 4 chains, each with iter = 3000; warmup = 500; thin = 1; total post-warmup draws = 10000
882
883 Group-Level Effects:
884 ~Animal (Number of levels: 2170)
885 Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
886 sd(Intercept) 2.71 0.59 1.80 4.09 1.00 868 1886
887
888 ~tank (Number of levels: 11)
889 Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
890 sd(Intercept) 0.74 0.36 0.28 1.62 1.00 2738 4809
891
892 Population-Level Effects:
893 Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
894 Intercept -4.27 1.08 -6.52 -2.25 1.00 5222 5469
895 vgl13_dom 0.41 0.29 -0.14 1.01 1.00 12133 7824
896 vgl13_add 2.12 0.74 0.71 3.65 1.00 8469 6272
897 feedLF -0.21 0.53 -1.29 0.86 1.00 8383 6705
898 populationOUL -0.33 1.01 -2.35 1.64 1.00 13328 7062
899 condition.mc.sc 0.72 0.26 0.24 1.28 1.00 5619 5196
900 tempwarm 5.24 0.98 3.36 7.18 1.00 3785 5935
901 smolted.5 -1.50 0.71 -2.94 -0.15 1.00 7067 6790
902 weight.log.mc.sc -0.04 0.48 -0.97 0.94 1.00 8235 7123
903 vgl13_add:feedLF -0.02 0.37 -0.73 0.70 1.00 12920 7687
904 vgl13_add:populationOUL -0.53 0.76 -2.03 0.96 1.00 10340 7452
905 vgl13_add:condition.mc.sc 0.44 0.17 0.12 0.79 1.00 7217 6535
906 vgl13_add:tempwarm 0.22 0.54 -0.81 1.29 1.00 11684 7925
907 vgl13_add:smolted.5 0.11 0.55 -0.96 1.23 1.00 10732 6901
908 vgl13_add:weight.log.mc.sc -0.14 0.35 -0.83 0.55 1.00 10678 7636
909 populationOUL:tempwarm -1.13 0.73 -2.59 0.28 1.00 9202 7142
910 populationOUL:condition.mc.sc 0.37 0.24 -0.09 0.84 1.00 7991 6675
911 populationOUL:weight.log.mc.sc 0.09 0.46 -0.82 1.01 1.00 8570 7719
912 populationOUL:smolted.5 0.03 0.72 -1.42 1.44 1.00 11535 7361
913 condition.mc.sc:tempwarm 0.21 0.24 -0.25 0.69 1.00 9339 6274
914 tempwarm:weight.log.mc.sc 2.71 0.53 1.78 3.83 1.00 2630 3500
915 tempwarm:smolted.5 -2.25 0.73 -3.71 -0.83 1.00 10185 6854
916
917 Draws were sampled using sampling(NUTS). For each parameter, Bulk_ESS
918 and Tail_ESS are effective sample size measures, and Rhat is the potential
919 scale reduction factor on split chains (at convergence, Rhat = 1).
920
921 Pareto k diagnostic values:
922 Count Pct. Min. n_eff
923 (-Inf, 0.5] (good) 809 37.3% 626
924 (0.5, 0.7] (ok) 1215 56.0% 130
925 (0.7, 1] (bad) 146 6.7% 31
926 (1, Inf) (very bad) 0 0.0% <NA>
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929 **Table S2.5-Summary-Model-Mat-Nocov.** Model summary output from *brms*, as well as pareto k diagnostic values
930 from *loo* for the no-covariate maturation model (Model-Mat-Nocov)

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931 Family: bernoulli
932 Links: mu = logit
933 Formula: matured.5 ~ 1 + vg113_dom + vg113_add * (feed + population + temp) + population:temp + (1 | gr(Animal,
934 cov = matrix_A)) + (1 | tank)
935 Data: data (Number of observations: 2170)
936 Draws: 4 chains, each with iter = 3000; warmup = 500; thin = 1; total post-warmup draws = 10000
937
938 Group-Level Effects:
939 ~Animal (Number of levels: 2170)
940             Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
941 sd(Intercept)    2.52     0.50    1.74    3.64 1.01      808     1398
942
943 ~tank (Number of levels: 11)
944             Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
945 sd(Intercept)    0.19     0.16     0.01    0.60 1.00     3263     4611
946
947 Population-Level Effects:
948             Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
949 Intercept      -4.47     0.85   -6.28   -2.97 1.00     2092     2910
950 vg113_dom      0.07     0.26   -0.44    0.58 1.00     7996     7714
951 vg113_add      1.87     0.61    0.72    3.13 1.00     4461     4310
952 feedLF      -0.15     0.27   -0.67    0.38 1.00     6061     4861
953 populationOUL -0.79     0.81   -2.40    0.76 1.00     4918     4823
954 tempwarm      4.88     0.64    3.79    6.29 1.00     1193     2087
955 vg113_add:feedLF -0.20     0.32   -0.83    0.42 1.00     7731     6517
956 vg113_add:populationOUL -0.31     0.66   -1.64    0.97 1.00     4753     5148
957 vg113_add:tempwarm      0.38     0.38   -0.34    1.14 1.00     5287     6489
958 populationOUL:tempwarm   -1.84     0.50   -2.88   -0.92 1.00     2889     3912
959
960 Draws were sampled using sampling(NUTS). For each parameter, Bulk_ESS
961 and Tail_ESS are effective sample size measures, and Rhat is the potential
962 scale reduction factor on split chains (at convergence, Rhat = 1).
963
964 Pareto k diagnostic values:
965             Count Pct.  Min. n_eff
966 (-Inf, 0.5] (good) 1225 56.5%  420
967 (0.5, 0.7] (ok)    917 42.3%  119
968 (0.7, 1] (bad)    28  1.3%  415
969 (1, Inf) (very bad)  0  0.0% <NA>
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970 **Table S2.6-Summary-Model-Cond-Cov.** Model summary output from *brms*, as well as pareto k diagnostic values from
971 *loo* for the full body condition model (Model-Cond-Cov)

972 Family: gaussian
973 Links: mu = identity; sigma = identity
974 Formula: condition.mc.sc ~ 1 + vg113_dom + vg113_add * (population + temp + smolted.5) + population:temp +
975 (population + temp):smolted.5 + (1 | gr(Animal, cov = matrix_A)) + (1 | tank)
976 Data: data (Number of observations: 2170)
977 Draws: 4 chains, each with iter = 3000; warmup = 500; thin = 1; total post-warmup draws = 10000
978
979 Group-Level Effects:
980 ~Animal (Number of levels: 2170)
981 Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
982 sd(Intercept) 0.53 0.07 0.41 0.68 1.00 672 778
983
984 ~tank (Number of levels: 11)
985 Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
986 sd(Intercept) 0.28 0.08 0.16 0.49 1.00 4119 5616
987
988 Population-Level Effects:
989 Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
990 Intercept 0.70 0.21 0.29 1.12 1.00 5280 5562
991 vg113_dom -0.04 0.04 -0.12 0.05 1.00 12079 7932
992 vg113_add 0.08 0.12 -0.16 0.32 1.00 6958 6454
993 populationOUL -1.13 0.20 -1.51 -0.75 1.00 8265 7013
994 tempwarm 0.20 0.21 -0.21 0.63 1.00 5104 5163
995 smolted.5 -0.30 0.11 -0.52 -0.08 1.00 10488 7496
996 vg113_add:populationOUL -0.09 0.14 -0.36 0.17 1.00 6517 6948
997 vg113_add:tempwarm 0.03 0.06 -0.09 0.16 1.00 12736 7871
998 vg113_add:smolted.5 0.06 0.08 -0.09 0.21 1.00 11866 7541
999 populationOUL:tempwarm 0.95 0.09 0.77 1.12 1.00 12060 8232
1000 populationOUL:smolted.5 0.51 0.13 0.26 0.75 1.00 10199 6748
1001 tempwarm:smolted.5 -0.62 0.11 -0.84 -0.40 1.00 10968 7538
1002
1003 Family Specific Parameters:
1004 Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
1005 sigma 0.81 0.03 0.74 0.85 1.00 758 916
1006
1007 Draws were sampled using sampling(NUTS). For each parameter, Bulk_ESS
1008 and Tail_ESS are effective sample size measures, and Rhat is the potential
1009 scale reduction factor on split chains (at convergence, Rhat = 1).
1010
1011 Pareto k diagnostic values:
1012 Count Pct. Min. n_eff
1013 (-Inf, 0.5] (good) 2070 95.4% 594
1014 (0.5, 0.7] (ok) 84 3.9% 144
1015 (0.7, 1] (bad) 9 0.4% 26
1016 (1, Inf) (very bad) 7 0.3% 5

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1019 **Table S2.7-Summary-Model-Cond-Nocov.** Model summary output from *brms*, as well as pareto k diagnostic values
1020 from *loo* for the no-covariate body condition model (Model-Cond-Nocov)

1021 Family: gaussian
1022 Links: mu = identity; sigma = identity
1023 Formula: condition.mc.sc ~ 1 + vg113_dom + vg113_add * (population + temp) + population:temp + (1 | gr(Animal, cov
1024 = matrix_A)) + (1 | tank)
1025 Data: data (Number of observations: 2170)
1026 Draws: 4 chains, each with iter = 3000; warmup = 500; thin = 1; total post-warmup draws = 10000
1027
1028 Group-Level Effects:
1029 ~Animal (Number of levels: 2170)
1030 Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
1031 sd(Intercept) 0.55 0.07 0.42 0.69 1.00 629 926
1032
1033 ~tank (Number of levels: 11)
1034 Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
1035 sd(Intercept) 0.27 0.08 0.16 0.47 1.00 2963 5053
1036
1037 Population-Level Effects:
1038 Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
1039 Intercept 0.45 0.19 0.07 0.83 1.00 3017 4209
1040 vg113_dom -0.05 0.04 -0.13 0.04 1.00 7631 7272
1041 vg113_add 0.12 0.11 -0.10 0.34 1.00 3519 4796
1042 populationOUL -0.80 0.18 -1.16 -0.44 1.00 3930 4792
1043 tempwarm -0.43 0.18 -0.78 -0.07 1.00 3086 4259
1044 vg113_add:populationOUL -0.09 0.14 -0.37 0.18 1.00 3310 4636
1045 vg113_add:tempwarm 0.03 0.06 -0.08 0.14 1.00 8980 7274
1046 populationOUL:tempwarm 1.15 0.08 0.99 1.31 1.00 8190 7414
1047
1048 Family Specific Parameters:
1049 Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
1050 sigma 0.81 0.03 0.75 0.86 1.00 679 982
1051
1052 Draws were sampled using sampling(NUTS). For each parameter, Bulk_ESS
1053 and Tail_ESS are effective sample size measures, and Rhat is the potential
1054 scale reduction factor on split chains (at convergence, Rhat = 1).
1055
1056 Pareto k diagnostic values:
1057 Count Pct. Min. n_eff
1058 (-Inf, 0.5] (good) 2057 94.8% 601
1059 (0.5, 0.7] (ok) 100 4.6% 128
1060 (0.7, 1] (bad) 4 0.2% 45
1061 (1, Inf) (very bad) 9 0.4% 5

1062 **Table S2.8-Summary-Model-Mass.** Model summary output from *brms*, as well as pareto k diagnostic values from *loo*
 1063 for the body mass model (Model-Mass)

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 1064 Family: gaussian
 1065 Links: mu = identity; sigma = identity
 1066 Formula: weight.log.mc.sc ~ 1 + vgl13_dom + vgl13_add * (population + temp) + population:temp + (1 | gr(Animal,
 1067 cov = matrix_A)) + (1 | tank)
 1068 Data: data (Number of observations: 2170)
 1069 Draws: 4 chains, each with iter = 3000; warmup = 500; thin = 1; total post-warmup draws = 10000
 1070
 1071 Group-Level Effects:
 1072 ~Animal (Number of levels: 2170)
 1073             Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
 1074 sd(Intercept) 0.56      0.05    0.47    0.66 1.07      87      180
 1075
 1076 ~tank (Number of levels: 11)
 1077             Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
 1078 sd(Intercept) 0.19      0.06    0.11    0.33 1.00     2821     4797
 1079
 1080 Population-Level Effects:
 1081             Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
 1082 Intercept      0.33      0.17   -0.00    0.67 1.00     2212     3649
 1083 vgl13_dom     0.03      0.03   -0.02    0.08 1.00     5613     7407
 1084 vgl13_add     -0.04      0.11   -0.24    0.17 1.00     2628     3991
 1085 populationOUL -1.30      0.18   -1.66   -0.95 1.00     2580     3757
 1086 tempwarm       0.78      0.13    0.52    1.03 1.00     2309     3759
 1087 vgl13_add:populationOUL 0.06      0.13   -0.19    0.32 1.00     2694     4440
 1088 vgl13_add:tempwarm 0.06      0.04   -0.01    0.13 1.00     5164     6295
 1089 populationOUL:tempwarm 0.09      0.05   -0.01    0.19 1.00     4696     6715
 1090
 1091 Family Specific Parameters:
 1092             Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
 1093 sigma       0.36      0.04    0.27    0.43 1.08      84      161
 1094
 1095 Draws were sampled using sampling(NUTS). For each parameter, Bulk_ESS
 1096 and Tail_ESS are effective sample size measures, and Rhat is the potential
 1097 scale reduction factor on split chains (at convergence, Rhat = 1).
 1098
 1099 Pareto k diagnostic values:
 1100             Count Pct. Min. n_eff
 1101 (-Inf, 0.5] (good) 69 3.2% 242
 1102 (0.5, 0.7] (ok) 1559 71.8% 20
 1103 (0.7, 1] (bad) 523 24.1% 1
 1104 (1, Inf) (very bad) 19 0.9% 0
  
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1105 **Table S2.9-Summary-Model-MigPheno.** Model summary output from *brms*, as well as pareto k diagnostic values from
 1106 *loo* for the no-covariate body condition model (Model-MigPheno)

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 1107 Family: bernoulli
 1108 Links: mu = logit
 1109 Formula: smolted.5 ~ 1 + vgl13_dom + vgl13_add * (feed + population + temp) + population:temp + (1 | gr(Animal,
 1110 cov = matrix_A)) + (1 | tank)
 1111 Data: data (Number of observations: 2170)
 1112 Draws: 4 chains, each with iter = 3000; warmup = 500; thin = 1; total post-warmup draws = 10000
 1113
 1114 Group-Level Effects:
 1115 ~Animal (Number of levels: 2170)
 1116             Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
 1117 sd(Intercept) 2.60      0.64    1.65    4.18 1.01     545      974
 1118
 1119 ~tank (Number of levels: 11)
 1120             Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
 1121 sd(Intercept) 0.63      0.26    0.28    1.28 1.00     2383     3600
 1122
 1123 Population-Level Effects:
 1124             Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
 1125 Intercept      2.75      0.84    1.20    4.54 1.00     4484     2929
 1126 vgl13_dom     -0.01      0.21   -0.43    0.42 1.00     9660     6069
 1127 vgl13_add      0.26      0.55   -0.81    1.41 1.00     6499     5490
 1128 feedLF       -0.21      0.45   -1.16    0.67 1.00     6249     4893
 1129 populationOUL -2.93      0.83   -4.65   -1.37 1.00     4674     4547
 1130 tempwarm       3.04      0.70    1.79    4.53 1.00     1572     2118
 1131 vgl13_add:feedLF 0.59      0.28    0.07    1.18 1.00     5028     4332
 1132 vgl13_add:populationOUL -0.49      0.65   -1.87    0.72 1.00     5447     3282
 1133 vgl13_add:tempwarm -0.29      0.30   -0.89    0.28 1.00     7528     5635
 1134 populationOUL:tempwarm 0.30      0.51   -0.72    1.28 1.00     7783     6637
 1135
 1136 Draws were sampled using sampling(NUTS). For each parameter, Bulk_ESS
 1137 and Tail_ESS are effective sample size measures, and Rhat is the potential
 1138 scale reduction factor on split chains (at convergence, Rhat = 1).
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 1140 Pareto k diagnostic values:
 1141             Count Pct. Min. n_eff
 1142 (-Inf, 0.5] (good) 1134 52.3% 378
 1143 (0.5, 0.7] (ok) 986 45.4% 64
 1144 (0.7, 1] (bad) 50 2.3% 61
 1145 (1, Inf) (very bad) 0 0.0% <NA>
  
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1147 **Table S2.10.** Observed maturation of different combinations of maturation- and migration phenotypes
1148 (migrant=smolt, resident=parr) for male Atlantic salmon in the winter of their third year (early 2020) post-fertilization,
1149 for combinations of temperature treatment and population of origin.

Group	n	Matured-migrant	Matured-Resident	Immature-Migrant	Immature-Resident
Neva, Cold	405	6.9%	2.7%	76.8%	13.6%
Neva, Warm	430	52.3%	1.9%	44.7%	1.2%
Oulu, Cold	749	1.9%	3.2%	42.6%	52.3%
Oulu, Warm	586	17.7%	6.0%	67.1%	9.2%
Neva	835	30.3%	2.3%	60.2%	7.2%
Oulu	1335	8.8%	4.4%	53.3%	33.4%
Cold	1154	3.6%	3.0%	54.6%	38.7%
Warm	1016	32.4%	4.2%	57.6%	5.8%
Total	2170	17.1%	3.6%	56.0%	23.3%

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