

1 **Phylogenetic analysis of Antarctic notothenioids illuminates the utility of RADseq**
2 **for resolving Cenozoic adaptive radiations**

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21 **Abstract**

22 Notothenioids are a clade of ~120 species of marine fishes distributed in extreme
23 southern hemisphere temperate near-shore habitats and in the Southern Ocean
24 surrounding Antarctica. Over the past 25 years, molecular and morphological approaches
25 have redefined hypotheses of relationships among notothenioid lineages as well as their
26 relationships among major lineages of percomorph teleosts. These phylogenies provide a
27 basis for investigation of mechanisms of evolutionary diversification within the clade,
28 and have enhanced our understanding of the notothenioid adaptive radiation. Despite
29 extensive efforts, there remain several questions concerning the phylogeny of
30 notothenioids. In this study we deploy DNA sequences of ~100,000 loci obtained using
31 RADseq to investigate the phylogenetic relationships of notothenioids and to assess the
32 utility of RADseq loci for lineages that exhibit divergence times ranging from the
33 Paleogene to the Quaternary. The notothenioid phylogenies inferred from the RADseq
34 loci provide unparalleled resolution and node support for several long standing problems
35 including, 1) relationships among species of *Trematomus*, 2) resolution of *Indonotothenia*
36 *cyanobrancha* as the sister lineage of *Trematomus*, 3) the deep paraphyly of
37 Nototheniidae, 4) the paraphyly of *Lepidonotothen* s.l., 5) paraphyly of *Artedidraco*, and
38 6) the monophyly of the Bathydraconidae. Assessment of site rates demonstrates that
39 RADseq loci are similar to mtDNA protein coding genes and exhibit peak phylogenetic
40 informativeness at the time interval during which the major Antarctic notothenioid
41 lineages originated and diversified. In addition to providing a well-resolved phylogenetic
42 hypothesis for notothenioids, our analyses quantify the predicted utility of RADseq loci
43 for Cenozoic phylogenetic inferences.

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45 **1. Introduction**

46 Antarctic notothenioids (Cryonotothenioidea) are one of the most well studied
47 groups of marine fishes and one of few examples of marine teleost adaptive radiation
48 (Eastman, 1993; Clarke and Johnston, 1996; Ingram and Mahler, 2011; Matschiner et al.,
49 2011; Near et al., 2012; Colombo et al., 2015; Dornburg et al., 2017a). In addition to
50 exhibiting an interesting evolutionary history, notothenioids are vital to Antarctic marine
51 ecosystems, as they comprise a substantial component of the biomass, abundance, and
52 species diversity of near shore fishes (Eastman, 1993, 2005). Correspondingly, these
53 species are critical in linking lower level consumers and higher level predators in the
54 Antarctic marine food web (La Mesa et al., 2004), including species of high economic
55 importance for international fisheries interests (Constable et al., 2000; Abrams, 2013).
56 Despite a long history of research, a well-resolved species level phylogeny of
57 notothenioids is not available and several key phylogenetic questions remain unanswered.

58 Over the past quarter century efforts to investigate the phylogenetics of
59 notothenioids have resulted in important discoveries that dramatically altered subsequent
60 taxonomic classifications. For example, early morphological and molecular inferred
61 phylogenies resolve Bovichtidae, historically delimited to include *Bovichtus*, *Cottoperca*,
62 and *Pseudaphritis* (Eastman, 1993; Nelson, 1994), as paraphyletic and *Eleginops*
63 *maclovinus* as the sister lineage of Cryonotothenioidea instead of being closely related to
64 the nototheniid lineage *Dissostichus* (Balushkin, 1992; Lecointre et al., 1997; Bargelloni
65 and Lecointre, 1998). The most recent phylogenetic analyses of notothenioids use DNA
66 sequences sampled from multiple mitochondrial and nuclear genes with a taxon sampling
67 that includes most of the recognized species in the clade (Near et al., 2012; Dornburg et

68 al., 2017a). While these studies provide important insights into the relationships of
69 notothenioids and serve as the basis for comparative analyses investigating the history
70 and mechanisms of notothenioid diversification (Near et al., 2012; Dornburg et al.,
71 2017a), there are several unresolved issues in the phylogenetics of notothenioids: the lack
72 of phylogenetic resolution among the ~14 species of the rapidly diversifying *Trematomus*
73 (Kuhn and Near, 2009; Janko et al., 2011; Lautredou et al., 2012; Near et al., 2012); the
74 resolution of the neutrally buoyant *Pleuragramma antarctica* among the major lineages
75 of Cryonotothenioidea (Near and Cheng, 2008; Dettai et al., 2012; Near et al., 2012); and
76 the lack of support for monophyly of the Antarctic Dragonfishes (Bathydraconidae) in
77 molecular analyses (Bargelloni et al., 2000; Derome et al., 2002; Dettai et al., 2012; Near
78 et al., 2012). These remaining challenges to the resolution of notothenioid phylogeny
79 inhibit the investigation of important questions, such as the origin of neutral buoyancy
80 (Near et al., 2007; Near et al., 2012), species relationships within rapidly diversifying
81 lineages (e.g., *Trematomus* & Artedidraconidae; Lecointre et al., 2011; Lautredou et al.,
82 2012), and patterns of hemoglobin evolution in Bathydraconidae that led to the loss of
83 this protein in the Crocodile Icefishes (Channichthyidae) (Bargelloni et al., 1998; Near et
84 al., 2006; Lau et al., 2012).

85 Next-generation sequencing through reduced representation methods such as
86 restriction site associated DNA sequencing (RADseq) hold the promise of resolving
87 species level relationships in notothenioids. By sequencing DNA flanking restriction
88 sites, RADseq captures thousands of single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) across any
89 target genome and have been used to resolve difficult phylogenetic problems in lineages
90 spanning beetles (Cruaud et al., 2014), plants (Massatti et al., 2016; Wang et al., 2017),

91 corals (Herrera and Shank, 2016), and Lake Victoria cichlids (Wagner et al., 2013).
92 Empirical assessments of RADseq data suggest cost-effective phylogenetic utility across
93 temporal scales spanning recent divergences to those dating back tens of millions of years
94 (Eaton et al., 2017). However, these assessments are based on post-hoc measure of
95 topological support such as bootstrap values that can be positively mislead by noise in the
96 dataset, or phylogenetic informativeness profiles (Townsend, 2007), which make no
97 explicit prediction of phylogenetic noise or tree topology (Townsend, 2007; Collins and
98 Hrbek, 2018).

99 It is important to consider that the length of a given internode can fundamentally
100 alter expectations of phylogenetic utility (Whitfield and Lockhart, 2007; Steel and
101 Leuenberger, 2017; Dornburg et al., 2018). A relationship exists between the timescale of
102 a phylogenetic question (T), the time between branching events (t_0), and the rate of
103 character evolution, which allows direct quantification of the predictive utility of a given
104 marker (Townsend et al., 2012; Su et al., 2014). A rapidly evolving marker will provide
105 phylogenetic information for deep divergences when waiting times between branching
106 events are long, while the same marker has a higher probability of being positively
107 misleading at a similar timescale when waiting times between branching events are
108 reduced (Townsend et al., 2012). Although previous research has demonstrated that
109 RADseq successfully resolves phylogenetic relationships dating ~50 million years (Eaton
110 et al., 2017; Collins and Hrbek, 2018), no empirical assessments have analyzed the
111 conditions under which RADseq remains cost-effective versus potentially misleading for
112 phylogenetic inference.

113 Here we assemble a RADseq dataset for the majority of living notothenioid
114 species, providing the first detailed phylogenomic investigations of this radiation. To
115 evaluate the impact of internode length on the predictive utility of sequenced RADseq
116 loci, we assess patterns of phylogenetic information content across tens of thousands of
117 RADseq loci using a combination of phylogenetic informativeness (PI) that complement
118 those presented in Collins and Hrbek (2018), and approaches to quantifying phylogenetic
119 signal and noise (Townsend, 2007; Townsend et al., 2012). Our results provide a strongly
120 supported phylogenetic hypothesis of notothenioid species-level relationships, the ability
121 to reject several previous phylogenetic hypotheses, and refine our perspective on the
122 predicted utility and limits of RADseq data.

123 **2. Methods**124 *2.1 Taxon Sampling, Sequencing, and Data Preparation*

125 The taxon sampling included 80 notothenioid species (Supplementary Table 1),
126 which includes all of the recognized taxonomic families and is very similar to previous
127 phylogenetic studies using Sanger sequenced legacy markers (Near et al., 2012). For
128 example, the species included in Near et al. (2012) that are not included in this study are
129 *Gobionotothen acuta*, *G. marionensis*, *Paranotothenia angustata*, *Bathydraco scotiae*,
130 *Neopagetopsis ionah*, and *Cryodraco antarcticus*. Species included in this study not in
131 Near et al. (2012) are *Nototheniops cf. nudifrons*, *Pogonophryne fusca*, and *Bathydraco*
132 *joannae*. We are confident that the minor differences in taxon sampling do not have a
133 strong effect on the phylogenetic inferences.

134 DNA was isolated from tissue samples using the Qiagen DNeasy tissue extraction
135 protocols (DNeasy, Qiagen, Valencia, CA). Extractions were gel-quantified in agarose
136 using New England Biolabs 100bp ladder (NEB, Ipswich, MA) to ensure successful
137 extractions and DNA concentrations were determined using a Qubit v. 3.0 fluorometer
138 (ThermoFisher Scientific, Philadelphia, PA). All DNA extractions were standardized to
139 contain between 17 and 23 ng DNA/μL.

140 The RADseq protocol was not optimized for notothenioids, but rather is a single
141 enzyme protocol that has been used in lineages of flowering plants (Eaton et al., 2017).
142 Floragenex Inc. (Portland, OR) prepared the RADseq libraries using the *SbfI* restriction
143 enzyme, a six base pair cutter (5'-CCTGCA-3') and sample-specific barcodes. The
144 samples were combined into two 95-sample multiplexed libraries. Floragenex created
145 two replicates of each library in order to minimize the influence of PCR duplication bias

146 and other technical errors. We sequenced each library twice on an Illumina HiSeq 2000
147 using single-end 100 base pair sequencing at the University of Oregon GC3F facility
148 (<https://gc3f.uoregon.edu/>). We used *pyrad* v.3.0.61 to assemble and align the RADseq
149 datasets (Eaton, 2014). Individual reads that contained more than four sites with Phred
150 scores < 20 were excluded. Reads were clustered using *vsearch* and an 88% similarity
151 threshold, allowing for approximately 11 base differences between reads within a cluster.
152 Analyses did not include clusters with a sequencing depth of less than six reads. We also
153 discarded consensus sequences for each cluster if they contained more than five
154 heterozygous or ambiguous bases. Consensus sequences were clustered as homologous
155 loci across samples with an 88% similarity threshold, excluding loci that were shared by
156 fewer than four of the sampled specimens. Accession numbers for the raw sequence reads
157 deposited in the NCBI BioSample database are given in Supplementary Table 1.

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159 *2.2 Phylogenomic Inference and Testing Alternative Phylogenetic Hypotheses*

160 The RADseq alignment was analyzed using IQ-TREE to determine the optimal
161 molecular evolutionary model and infer a maximum likelihood phylogeny of
162 notothenioids (Nguyen et al., 2015; Kalyaanamoorthy et al., 2017). Node support was
163 assessed using an ultrafast bootstrap analysis with 1,000 replicates (Hoang et al., 2018).
164 Based on previous analyses (e.g., Near et al., 2012), we rooted our phylogenetic
165 inferences using the species of Bovichtidae sampled in this study.

166 In order to accommodate incomplete lineage sorting, we used the species tree
167 approach *tetrad* v.0.7.19, an implementation of SVDquartets in the software package
168 iPyrad (Chifman and Kubatko, 2014; <http://github.com/dereneaton/ipyrad>). We ran *tetrad*

169 using one randomly selected SNP per locus, for 102,232 SNPs. We inferred all 2,024,785
170 possible quartets for the 85 sampled specimens representing 80 species. *Tetrad* uses the
171 algorithm implemented by qQMC to join the individual quartet trees into a supertree
172 (Avni et al., 2015). We constructed a 50% majority-rule consensus tree from 100
173 nonparametric bootstrap replicates.

174 Alternative phylogenetic hypotheses were compared to the maximum likelihood
175 tree inferred from the IQ-TREE analysis using the approximately unbiased (AU) test
176 based on the resampling of estimated log-likelihoods (RELL) method (Kishino et al.,
177 1990; Shimodaira, 2002). The alternative phylogenetic hypotheses tested include (1) the
178 monophyly of Nototheniidae as delimited in standard references for fish and notothenioid
179 taxonomy (DeWitt et al., 1990; Eastman and Eakin, 2000; Nelson et al., 2016: 465-466),
180 (2) the monophyly of Pleuragrammatinae, containing *Pleuragramma antarctica*,
181 *Aethotaxis mitopteryx*, and *Dissostichus eleginoides* and *D. mawsoni* (Balushkin, 2000;
182 Near et al., 2007; Near and Cheng, 2008), (3) the monophyly of *Lepidonotothen* s.l.
183 (DeWitt et al., 1990), (4) the monophyly of *Artedidraco* (Lecointre et al., 2011), (5) the
184 monophyly of *Indonotothenia cyanobrancha* and sampled species of *Notothenia* (DeWitt
185 et al., 1990; Balushkin, 2000), (6) *Pagothenia borchgrevinki* as not phylogenetically
186 nested in *Trematomus*, (7) *Trematomus newnesi* and *T. borchgrevinki* are sister taxa and
187 all other species of *Trematomus* form a monophyletic group (Balushkin, 2000: Fig. 17),
188 which Balushkin classified in *Pseudotrematomus* (Balushkin, 1982), and (8) the
189 phylogeny of *Trematomus* presented in Lautréou et al. (2012: Fig. 2). The trees with the
190 highest likelihoods consistent with the alternative phylogenies were estimated using the
191 constraint tree search option in IQ-TREE (Nguyen et al., 2015).

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193 *2.3 Quantifying Predicted Phylogenetic Utility*

194 We compared RADseq loci to a dataset of legacy markers used in previous
195 investigations of notothenioid relationships with very similar taxon sampling (Near et al.,
196 2012; Dornburg et al., 2017a) that consisted of two mitochondrial genes (*16S* and *ND2*),
197 one intron (*S7*), and five exons (*Rag1*, *tbr1*, *SH3PX3*, *glyt*, and *zic1*; DOI:
198 10.5281/zenodo.801836). We used the program HyPhy (Pond et al., 2005) in the
199 PhyDesign web interface (López-Giráldez and Townsend, 2011) to quantify site-specific
200 rates of substitution for each legacy marker as well as the newly generated RADseq data
201 using a publicly available notothenioid chronogram (Near et al., 2012; Dornburg et al.,
202 2017a) downloaded from zenodo (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.801836) that was pruned to
203 mirror the taxon sampling of our alignment. The R package vioplot was used to generate
204 violin plots of rate distributions (<http://wsopuppenkiste.wiso.uni-goettingen.de/~dadler>).
205 By combining a rotated kernel density plot with a box plot of data quantiles, violin plots
206 allow for simultaneous visualization of both the quartiles and the underlying probability
207 distribution of the site rates (Hintze and Nelson, 1998). Using the equations presented in
208 Townsend (2007), phylogenetic informativeness (PI) was quantified for each locus in the
209 R package PhyInformR (Dornburg et al., 2016). Visual detection of declines in PI over
210 time have been considered a signature of homoplasy (Townsend and Leuenberger, 2011)
211 and linked to phylogenetic estimation error (Dornburg et al., 2017c). Given that a
212 RADseq dataset consists of thousands of loci, PI profiles were visualized using hexagon
213 binning to assess overall trends in PI between loci using the hexbinplot function package
214 hexbin (<http://github.com/edzer/hexbin>). The hexbin plots were compared with PI

215 profiles of the sampled legacy markers and mapped to the 95% highest probability
216 density interval of notothenioid divergence times estimated from previous relaxed
217 molecular clock analyses (Near et al., 2012; Dornburg et al., 2017a).

218 Although the shape of the PI profiles provides an indication of overall trends of
219 phylogenetic information content, these visualizations make no explicit quantification of
220 how convergence in character state not reflecting evolutionary history (noise) will impact
221 topological resolution (Townsend and Leuenberger, 2011; Dornburg et al., 2017c).

222 Townsend et al. (2012) proposed theory that allows the utility of a locus to be quantified
223 by comparing the predicted phylogenetic signal supporting a correct resolution (R) versus
224 the amount of phylogenetic noise supporting resolution based on homoplasy (H) of a
225 hypothetical phylogenetic quartet. We quantified the difference between R and H to
226 explicitly quantify and visualize trends of the predicted utility of RADseq data for
227 phylogenetic resolution. Specifically, we simultaneously assessed the predicted impact of
228 alignment length and temporal depth on RADseq based inferences of short internodes.

229 We quantified R and H for resolving a short (0.25 million year) internode (t_0 in Townsend
230 et al., 2012) using increasing quartet depths of 5 or 10 million years beginning 5 million
231 years ago (T in Townsend et al., 2012). For each hypothetical quartet, we increasingly
232 added 500 bp of variable sites from the concatenated RADseq alignment to determine
233 changes in R and H as a function of alignment length. Given that RADseq alignments are
234 often comprised of over one million variable sites, this approach allows us to assess at
235 what point we would expect the contribution of R to mitigate any potential impacts of H .
236 All quantifications were conducted in the R package PhyInformR (Dornburg et al., 2016)
237 and results were visualized as horizon plots in the LatticeExtra Package (Sarkar, 2008).

238 **3. Results**239 *3.1 RADseq Data*

240 We collected RAD data for 80 notothenioid species, representing all major
241 lineages (Supplementary Table 1). After initial quality filtering, we retained an average of
242 1.7×10^6 reads per sample, subsequently reduced to an average of 52,000 clusters per
243 sample. Each of these clusters has a minimum sequencing depth of 6X, with an average
244 depth of 23X across all sampled specimens. After additional filtering to remove clusters
245 with excess heterozygosity, we retained an average of 51,000 consensus sequences per
246 sample. The average estimated heterozygosity in these clusters is 3.6×10^{-3} , with an
247 average estimated base calling error rate of 6.0×10^{-4} . After clustering consensus
248 sequences into homologous loci, excluding loci shared by fewer than four taxa, and
249 filtering identified paralogs, the final dataset contains 104,709 loci. The average number
250 of loci per specimen is 25,881 (SD = 12110). The proportion of missing data in the final
251 concatenated alignment of all loci is 76.4%.

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253 *3.2 Phylogenomic Inference*

254 Maximum likelihood IQ-TREE (MLiq) and SVDquartets analyses of the RADseq
255 dataset result in phylogenies that are highly congruent with one another (Figs. 1 and 2)
256 and very similar to previous inferences using Sanger sequenced legacy markers (Near et
257 al., 2012; Dornburg et al., 2017a). The phylogenies were rooted with the three sampled
258 species of Bovichtidae and relationships among the non-Antarctic lineages *Pseudaphritis*
259 *urvillii* and *Eleginops maclovinus* are identical to previous analyses (Near et al., 2012;
260 Near et al., 2015). These lineages are pruned out of the trees shown in Figures 1 and 2 to
261 allow focus on the relationships among the Cryonotothenioidea. The MLiq and

262 SVDquartets phylogenies differ at five nodes: the resolution of *Pleuragramma*
263 *antarctica*, and in four additional apical relationships that are not strongly supported in
264 either analysis (Figs. 1 and 2).

265 The MLiq phylogeny resolves two major cryonotothenioid clades, (1) a clade
266 containing *Trematomus*, *Indonotothenia cyanobrancha*, *Dissostichus*, *Aethotaxis*
267 *mitopteryx*, *Pleuragramma antarctica*, *Lepidonotothen squamifrons*, *Nototheniops*, and
268 *Patagonotothen* and (2) a clade containing *Gobionotothen*, *Notothenia*, *Harpagifer*,
269 Artedidraconidae, Bathydraconidae, and Channichthyidae. The Pleuragrammatinae,
270 composed of *P. antarctica*, *A. mitopteryx*, and the two species of *Dissostichus*, is resolved
271 as paraphyletic in both analyses; however, the subclade containing *A. mitopteryx* and
272 *Dissostichus* is strongly supported (Fig. 1). The Trematominae, comprising
273 *Patagonotothen*, *Nototheniops*, *L. squamifrons*, *I. cyanobrancha*, and *Trematomus*, form
274 a clade. *Indonotothenia cyanobrancha* is resolved as the sister lineage of *Trematomus*
275 and there is strong node support for the relationships among species of *Trematomus* (Fig.
276 1). *Nototheniops*, *Patagonotothen*, and *Lepidonotothen* form a clade, but *Lepidonotothen*
277 as traditionally delimited to contain *L. squamifrons* and the species of *Nototheniops* is
278 resolved as non-monophyletic as *L. squamifrons* is the sister lineage of *Patagonotothen*
279 (Figs. 1 and 2).

280 *Gobionotothen* is strongly supported as the sister lineage of an inclusive clade
281 containing *Notothenia*, *Harpagifer*, Artedidraconidae, Bathydraconidae, and
282 Channichthyidae (Figs. 1 and 2). The 14 sampled species of Bathydraconidae are a
283 monophyletic group and are resolved as sister lineage of the Channichthyidae (Figs. 1
284 and 2). Relationships within the bathydraconids and channichthyids are well supported in

285 the MLiq phylogeny, but relationships of the Antarctic Dragonfishes *Racovitzia glacialis*,
286 *Vomeridens infuscipinnis*, and species of *Bathydraco* are only moderately supported (Fig.
287 1). *Harpagifer* and Artedidraconidae are strongly supported as a clade, but within
288 Artedidraconidae *Artedidraco* is paraphyletic with *A. skottsbergi* resolved as the sister
289 lineage of all other artedidraconids and all other sampled species of *Artedidraco* (*A.*
290 *oriana*, *A. mirus*, *A. glareobarbatus*, and *A. shackletoni*) form a clade that is the sister
291 lineage of *Dolloidraco longedorsalis* (Fig. 1). *Histiodraco velifer* and the sampled
292 species of *Pogonophryne* are resolved as sister lineages (Figs. 1 and 2).

293 The AU test rejects seven of the eight alternative hypotheses when compared to
294 the optimal tree inferred from the IQ-TREE analysis (Table 1). The only hypothesis that
295 is not rejected is the monophyly of Pleuragrammatinae (Table 1), which is sampled with
296 *Pleuragramma antarctica*, *Aethotaxis mitopteryx*, *Dissostichus eleginoides*, and *D.*
297 *mawsoni* (Figs. 1 and 2).

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299 3.3 Predicted Phylogenetic Information Content

300 A violin plot based comparison of the probability density of calculated site rates
301 for RADseq loci and other classes of Sanger sequenced legacy markers reveal that
302 RADseq loci possess a similar distribution of rates as observed in the previously sampled
303 mtDNA genes (Fig. 3A). Visualizing the density of PI profiles through time for the
304 RADseq loci as a hexagonal heatmap (Fig 3B), shows a high-predicted level of
305 informativeness through the Miocene [~23.0 to 5.3 Ma] (Fig. 3B), with particularly high
306 densities of informative loci corresponding to the geologic intervals hypothesized as the
307 periods of both the origin and diversification of major cryonotothenioid lineages (Fig. 3B

308 & 3C). Mapping the PI profiles of all other classes of legacy markers used to investigate
309 notothenioid phylogeny onto this heatmap demonstrates little decline in PI during the
310 interval corresponding to the hypothesized geologic time period and estimated 95%
311 highest posterior density intervals of molecular ages for the origin and diversification in
312 the clade (Fig. 3B & 3C). Quantification of R , the predicted phylogenetic signal
313 supporting a correct resolution, and H , the amount of phylogenetic noise supporting
314 resolution based on homoplasy, also reveals high probabilities of R for short internodes
315 through the Late Miocene (~20 Ma; Fig. 4). In all cases, R rapidly maximized with the
316 addition of data, predicting that RADseq loci contain high levels of phylogenetic
317 information for resolving short internodes. However, our quantifications reveal that the
318 predicted information content declines at internodes dating to early periods of the
319 Cenozoic (Fig. 4). By the Cretaceous-Paleogene boundary (~66 Ma), there is very little
320 phylogenetic information remaining, even when the dataset contains 10^6 variable
321 characters (Fig. 4).

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323 **4. Discussion**324 *4.1 Resolving the phylogenetic history of the notothenioid adaptive radiation*

325 Over the past quarter century, the phylogeny of notothenioids has come
326 increasingly into focus (Balushkin, 1992; Bargelloni et al., 1994; Lecointre et al., 1997;
327 Balushkin, 2000; Bargelloni et al., 2000; Near and Cheng, 2008; Dettai et al., 2012; Near
328 et al., 2012; Near et al., 2015; Dornburg et al., 2017a); however, there remain
329 considerable areas of uncertainty. The trees inferred using the RADseq dataset have an
330 unprecedented degree of resolution and node support for relationships within
331 cryonotothenioid lineages that exhibit high rates of diversification (Fig. 1). The
332 phylogeny inferred in this study provides important insight regarding relationships among
333 species of *Trematomus*, the phylogeny of species of Artedidraconidae and a clarification
334 of the paraphyly of *Artedidraco*, the deep paraphyly of Nototheniidae, consistent non-
335 monophyly of *Lepidonotothen squamifrons* and the species of *Nototheniops*, the
336 relationships of Bathymonidae, and continued uncertainty in the phylogenetic
337 placement of *Pleuragramma antarctica*. The well-supported resolution of relationships
338 throughout the notothenioid phylogeny, especially among the radiations of closely related
339 species (e.g., *Trematomus*, Artedidraconidae, Channichthyidae, and Bathymonidae),
340 provides opportunities to investigate mechanisms of speciation and evolutionary
341 diversification in one of the most iconic and threatened marine ecosystems of our planet,
342 an avenue of research identified as one of the six priorities for Antarctic science
343 (Kennicutt et al., 2014).

344 Species of *Trematomus* comprise an important element of the notothenioid
345 adaptive radiation (Janko et al., 2011; Lautredou et al., 2012; Near et al., 2012) as well as

346 a dominant component of the near shore notothenioid fish fauna (Kock, 1992). However,
347 no prior study provides strong support for the resolution of the inter-relationships of these
348 species. The RADseq data reject all of the alternative phylogenetic relationships
349 involving *Trematomus* that includes a phylogeny inferred from a set of legacy Sanger
350 sequenced mitochondrial and nuclear genes, the proposal that *Trematomus* is limited to *T.*
351 *newnesi*, and all other species are classified as *Pseudotrematomus* (Balushkin, 1982), and
352 that the Bald Nototen, *Pagothenia borchgrevinki*, is not phylogenetically nested in
353 *Trematomus* (Table 1). Previous molecular studies have consistently resolved *T. scotti* as
354 the sister lineage to other species of *Trematomus* (Ritchie et al., 1996; Sanchez et al.,
355 2007; Kuhn and Near, 2009; Janko et al., 2011; Lautredou et al., 2012; Near et al., 2012),
356 a result also strongly supported in the RADseq inferred phylogenies (Figs. 1 and 2). The
357 phylogeny of *Trematomus* resolves strongly supported monophyletic groups containing
358 epibenthic species *T. loennbergii*, *T. lepidorhinus*, and *T. eulepidotus* as a clade, as well
359 as a clade containing the demersal species *T. bernacchii* and *T. hansonii* (Figs. 1 and 2).
360 These relationships, initially suggested from analysis of sequence data of mtDNA rRNA
361 genes, are consistent with the expectations of habitat use driven adaptive radiation within
362 this clade (Ritchie et al., 1996).

363 The RADseq phylogenies resolve *Indonotothenia cyanobrancha* as the sister
364 lineage of *Trematomus* (Figs. 1 and 2), a result consistent with analyses of mtDNA genes
365 and a combination of mtDNA and nuclear genes (Bargelloni and Lecointre, 1998;
366 Bargelloni et al., 2000; Dornburg et al., 2017a). *Indonotothenia cyanobrancha* was long
367 classified in the genus *Notothenia* (DeWitt et al., 1990), but Balushkin (1984: 13)
368 described the monotypic genus *Indonotothenia* to classify this species. Based on

369 morphological analyses, *Indonotothenia* is resolved as the sister lineage of a clade
370 containing *Notothenia* and *Paranotothenia* (Voskoboinikova, 1993: Fig. 8; Balushkin,
371 2000: Fig. 15). However, assessment of external morphological characters argues for a
372 closer relationship with *Trematomus* (Hureau, 1970: 225, Table 14). The results of the
373 phylogenetic analyses of the RADseq data strongly reject a close relationship of *I.*
374 *cyanobrancha* with other species of *Notothenia* and instead suggest that it is a species of
375 *Trematomus* (Figs. 1 and 2; Table 1).

376 Similar to *Trematomus*, previous molecular phylogenetic analyses do not provide
377 strong node support for relationships inferred among species of Artedidraconidae.
378 Artedidraconids occupy benthic habitats of the Antarctic continental shelf and exhibit a
379 high diversification rate relative to other notothenioid lineages (Eakin, 1990; Near et al.,
380 2012). Consistent with previous molecular analyses (Derome et al., 2002; Lecointre et al.,
381 2011; Near et al., 2012), the phylogeny inferred from the RADseq dataset resolves
382 *Artedidraco* as paraphyletic, with *A. skottsbergi* as the sister lineage of all other
383 artedidraconids (Figs. 1 and 2). The AU test rejects the best alternative phylogeny that
384 resolves *Artedidraco* as a monophyletic group (Table 1). The remaining species of
385 *Artedidraco* sampled in this study, including the type species *A. mirus* (Lönnberg, 1905:
386 39), comprise a strongly supported clade in the MLiq tree that is sister to *Dolloidraco*
387 *longedorsalis* (Fig. 1), a relationship not hypothesized in previous molecular
388 phylogenetic analyses (Derome et al., 2002; Lecointre et al., 2011; Near et al., 2012). The
389 deep paraphyly of *Artedidraco* s.l. and the lack of an available genus group name to
390 accommodate *A. skottsbergi* necessitates a taxonomic revision that reflects the phylogeny
391 and consistent resolution of *Artedidraco* s.l. as a paraphyletic group.

392 Previous molecular analyses and the RADseq inferred phylogenies strongly
393 support monophyly of the species rich artedidraconid lineage *Pogonophryne* (Figs. 1 and
394 2; Near and Cheng, 2008; Eakin et al., 2009; Lecointre et al., 2011; Near et al., 2012);
395 however, the taxonomy of this group warrants reevaluation. Species of *Pogonophryne* are
396 currently classified into five species groups on the basis of external morphological traits
397 (Balushkin and Eakin, 1998). Although previous molecular analyses support these
398 groupings, the relationships among them remain unresolved (Eakin et al., 2009). Analysis
399 of the RADseq dataset results in a strongly supported phylogenetic hypothesis for the
400 relationships among the species groups of *Pogonophryne*; however, the *P. mentella*
401 group, which includes the sampled species *P. macropogon*, *P. cerebropogon*, *P. eakini*,
402 and *P. fusca*, is not monophyletic as *P. fusca* is the sister lineages of *P. barsukovi* (Figs. 1
403 and 2). These results suggest a need for a reexamination of the classification of
404 *Pogonophryne* species diversity using a dataset with greater taxonomic sampling. Given
405 that species of *Pogonophryne* exhibit substantial overlap in bathymetric distribution
406 (Eakin, 1990; Eastman, 2017) and diet (Wyanski and Targett, 1981; Eakin, 1990;
407 Lombarte et al., 2003), and are characterized by very little morphological disparity
408 among the species (Eakin, 1977; Lombarte et al., 2003), increased inter- and intraspecific
409 sampling is needed to assess the delimitation of species and investigate the mechanisms
410 driving diversification in this clade.

411 In addition to resolving relationships among the most closely related species, the
412 RADseq inferred phylogenies also provide much needed resolution to several higher-
413 level relationships within Cryonotothenioidea. Since the first molecular analyses of
414 notothenioid phylogeny, the inclusive family Nototheniidae is consistently resolved as a

415 paraphyletic group (Bargelloni et al., 1994; Sanchez et al., 2007; Dettai et al., 2012; Near
416 et al., 2012; Dornburg et al., 2017a). The concept of Nototheniidae communicated in
417 taxonomic references (e.g., Eastman and Eakin, 2000; Nelson et al., 2016) has an origin
418 with the pioneering work of Regan (1913: 249-251) and Norman (1938: 7-10) who
419 provided important taxonomic revisions of notothenioid classification. Specifically,
420 Regan (1913) classified species of *Harpagifer* and *Artedidraco* in Nototheniidae along
421 with *Notothenia* s.l., *Trematomus*, *Pleuragramma*, *Dissostichus*, and *Eleginops*. Norman
422 (1938) classified *Artedidraco*, *Dolloidraco*, *Pogonophryne*, and *Harpagifer* in
423 Harpagiferidae and limited Nototheniidae to *Notothenia* s. l., *Trematomus*,
424 *Pleuragramma*, *Dissostichus*, and *Eleginops*. Subsequent discoveries of new species
425 added *Aethotaxis*, *Cryotherenia*, and *Gvozdarus* to Nototheniidae (DeWitt, 1962; Daniels,
426 1981; Balushkin, 1989). Taxonomic revisions by Balushkin (1976, 1992) led to the
427 removal of *Eleginops maclovinus* from Nototheniidae to the monotypic Eleginopsidae
428 and the description of several new genera; *Gobionotothen*, *Lepidonotothen*, *Nototheniops*,
429 *Patagonotothen*, and *Paranotothenia* all of which contain species that were previously
430 classified as *Notothenia* (Norman, 1938; Andriashov, 1965). The classification of these
431 disparate lineages as *Notothenia* at the time of the origin of modern classifications for
432 notothenioids contributed to the long held idea that Nototheniidae is a natural group (e.g.,
433 Norman, 1938). Molecular phylogenies, including those inferred from the RADseq data
434 (Figs. 1 and 2), provide a strong inference that Nototheniidae as traditionally delimited is
435 not monophyletic. The alternative phylogeny with the highest likelihood that depicts
436 Nototheniidae, as traditionally delimited, is rejected in the AU test (Table 1). While this
437 study did not sample species of *Paranotothenia*, previous molecular phylogenetic

438 analyses consistently resolve *Notothenia* and *Paranotothenia* as a clade (Cheng et al.,
439 2003; Sanchez et al., 2007; Near and Cheng, 2008; Near et al., 2012; Dornburg et al.,
440 2017a). We recommend that Nototheniidae is limited to *Notothenia* and *Paranotothenia*.

441 Similar to the traditional delimitation of Nototheniidae, the RADseq tree and
442 previous molecular phylogenetic analyses consistently fail to resolve *Lepidonotothen*
443 *squamifrons* and species of *Nototheniops* as a monophyletic group (Bargelloni et al.,
444 2000; Near and Cheng, 2008; Dettai et al., 2012; Near et al., 2012). Specifically, *L.*
445 *squamifrons* is resolved as the sister lineage of *Patagonotothen* (Figs. 1 and 2). In his
446 revision of *Notothenia*, Balushkin (1976, 1979) described the genera *Lepidonotothen*
447 (containing *L. squamifrons* and the two synonyms *L. kempi* and *L. macrophtalma*),
448 *Nototheniops* (containing *N. larseni*, and synonyms *N. loesha*, *N. nybelini*, and *N. tchizh*),
449 and *Lindbergichthys* (containing *N. mizops*, *N. nudifrons*, and the undescribed *N. cf.*
450 *nudifrons*). The most recent taxonomic revision of these lineages treats *Nototheniops* and
451 *Lindbergichthys* as subgenera of *Lepidonotothen* without identifying any morphological
452 evidence to support the hypothesis that they share common ancestry (DeWitt et al., 1990:
453 294-295). Phylogenetic analysis of morphological characters does not resolve
454 *Lepidonotothen*, *Nototheniops*, and *Lindbergichthys* as a monophyletic group (Balushkin,
455 2000: Fig. 15) and this phylogeny is rejected in the AU test (Table 1). We recommend
456 that *Nototheniops* (Balushkin, 1976) is the appropriate genus group name for *N. larseni*,
457 *N. mizops*, *N. nudifrons*, and *N. cf. nudifrons*. The monophyly of *Nototheniops*, as
458 delimited here (Figs. 1 and 2), is supported with several synapomorphic morphological
459 characters that include an upper lateral line with perforated scales and a supraorbital
460 canal with four pores (Andersen, 1984: 24).

461 The evolutionary loss of red blood cells, hemoglobin, and the variable loss of
462 myoglobin expression in Channichthyidae are unique among vertebrates (Ruud, 1954;
463 Sidell et al., 1997; Sidell and O'Brien, 2006). The genetics and physiological
464 consequences of these highly unusual traits are well studied (Egginton and Rankin, 1998;
465 Egginton et al., 2002; Near et al., 2006; Beers and Sidell, 2009; Beers et al., 2010; Beers
466 and Sidell, 2011; Lewis et al., 2015; Xu et al., 2015; Kuhn et al., 2016); however
467 increased resolution of the phylogenetic relationships of Channichthyidae has potential to
468 provide insights into the evolution of hemoglobin loss (Bargelloni et al., 1998; Near et
469 al., 2006; Lau et al., 2012). While morphological and molecular phylogenetic analyses
470 consistently resolve Channichthyidae and Bathyraconidae as a clade (Iwami, 1985: Fig.
471 174; Balushkin, 1992: Fig. 6; 2000: Fig. 11; Bargelloni et al., 2000; Near and Cheng,
472 2008), most molecular analyses result in phylogenies where the channichthyids are nested
473 in a paraphyletic Bathyraconidae. In these previous molecular analyses strong support
474 for the resolution of the sister lineage of Channichthyidae is lacking (e.g., Derome et al.,
475 2002; Dettai et al., 2012; Near et al., 2012). The RADseq dataset resolves
476 Bathyraconidae as a monophyletic group and the sister lineage of Channichthyidae with
477 strong bootstrap support in the MLiq inferred phylogeny, but with lower support in the
478 SVDquartet phylogeny (Figs. 1 and 2). The common ancestor of Channichthyidae and
479 Bathyraconidae likely exhibited decreased hematocrit, hemoglobin concentrations, and
480 globin chain multiplicity (D'Avino and Di Prisco, 1988; di Prisco, 1998; Verde et al.,
481 2007; Wujcik et al., 2007). The phylogenetic resolution of the channichthyid sister
482 lineage facilities contextualizing the genomic pathways that have given rise to these
483 highly unusual phenotypes.

484 Despite the well-supported phylogenetic resolution of notothenioid relationships
485 resulting from analysis of the RADseq dataset, the placement of the Antarctic Silverfish,
486 *Pleuragramma antarctica*, remains unresolved. This monotypic pelagic lineage is a
487 radical departure in phenotype from other notothenioids (Eastman, 1997;
488 Voskoboinikova et al., 2017) and is of key importance to Antarctic food webs (Zane et
489 al., 2006; Mintenbeck and Torres, 2017). Balushkin (2000: S101, Fig. 14) delimited the
490 clade Pleuragrammatinae to contain *P. antarctica*, the two species of *Dissostichus*,
491 *Aethotaxis mitopteryx*, and *Gvozdarus svetovidovi* based on pleural ribs originating from
492 the 4th or 5th vertebrae and the reduction or absence of a basisphenoid in the skull. Among
493 notothenioids, *Pleuragramma antarctica*, *Dissostichus mawsoni*, and *Aethotaxis*
494 *mitopteryx* are neutrally buoyant as adults (Eastman and DeVries, 1982; Near et al., 2003;
495 Near et al., 2007), and common ancestry of these lineages would indicate a single origin
496 of neutral buoyancy in notothenioids (Near et al., 2007). However, previous molecular
497 analyses do not confidently support monophyly of Pleuragrammatinae or result in
498 different resolutions for *P. antarctica*. Our analyses do not resolve Pleuragrammatinae as
499 a clade, but one poorly supported node separates *P. antarctica* from a monophyletic
500 group containing *A. mitopteryx* and the two species of *Dissostichus* (Figs. 1 and 2).
501 *Gvozdarus svetovidovi* was not included in our analysis. Investigation of the uncertainty
502 regarding phylogenetic relationships of *P. antarctica* requires additional work as
503 evidenced by the inability of the RADseq dataset to reject the best alternative phylogeny
504 that depicts Pleuragrammatinae as a monophyletic group (Table 1).

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506 4.2 RADseq and Cenozoic radiations

507 Rapidly radiating clades characterize some of the most investigated portions of
508 the Tree of Life (Venditti et al., 2010; Leache et al., 2016; Brennan and Oliver, 2017).
509 Regardless of time scale, the short internodes separating species divergences that
510 characterize rapid radiations also present some of the most challenging problems in
511 phylogenetics (Sharma et al., 2014; Eytan et al., 2015). As such, assessing the
512 phylogenetic utility of different classes of genomic markers is important for cost-
513 effective phylogenomic experimental design. Our investigation of RADseq loci in
514 notothenioids reveals high levels of predicted information for resolving short internodes
515 that date from the Late Oligocene through the Pleistocene (Figs. 3 & 4). This predicted
516 utility is reflected in high levels of support for most nodes in the notothenioid phylogeny
517 that correspond to these geologic ages (Fig. 1). However, for radiations dating to the
518 Early Cenozoic (~65 to 50 mya), our results suggest the massive amount of data offered
519 by RADseq provides diminishing returns (Fig. 4). These findings provide quantitative
520 support substantiating claims that RADseq loci are useful for resolving interspecific
521 phylogenetic problems (Cariou et al., 2013; Massatti et al., 2016; Eaton et al., 2017),
522 while also setting new expectations of the temporal limits for this class of data. Our
523 results suggests RADseq loci contain similar levels of phylogenetic information as the
524 flanking regions of ultra-conserved elements (UCEs), which contain high levels of
525 phylogenetic information for divergences dating to the Miocene (~20 mya) (Gilbert et al.,
526 2015). Both the RADseq loci sampled across the diversity of notothenioids and UCE-
527 flanking regions in teleost fishes exhibit a rapid decay in phylogenetic information for
528 divergences arising prior to the K-Pg boundary, 66 mya (Fig. 3; Gilbert et al., 2015).
529 While our study suggests RADseq loci exhibit high utility for resolving difficult Late

530 Cenozoic phylogenetic problems, it is important to consider that predictions of utility are
531 not guarantees of successful phylogenetic resolution (Townsend and Leuenberger, 2011).

532 Neither PI profiles nor quartet internode resolution probabilities make explicit
533 statements on the predicted levels of node support (Townsend and Leuenberger, 2011).

534 These approaches merely indicate whether there is a probability of phylogenetic
535 information given the theoretical expectations of phylogenetic experimental design. This
536 does not imply that phylogenetic information sufficient for strong node support is present
537 in the dataset. It is possible that limited phylogenetic information explains the lack of
538 confidence in the phylogenetic resolution of *Pleuragramma antarctica* and the inability
539 for the RADseq dataset to reject the monophyly of the Pleuragrammatinae (Figs. 1 and 2;
540 Table 1). Alternatively, the nature of RADseq data imposes several challenges to
541 predictions of utility that could also explain our lack of confidence in the resolution of
542 these nodes.

543 The low number of variable sites per locus limits the power of experimental
544 design approaches for finely dissecting information content by locus. While it is possible
545 to generate PI profiles from few or even single sites, the dependency of interaction of
546 locus length on R or H probabilities renders filtration approaches such as those used in
547 other studies not only difficult (Prum et al., 2015; Dornburg et al., 2017b), but potentially
548 misleading. For example, Dornburg et al. (2017b) recently noted that fast evolving third
549 codon positions in exons captured by anchored hybrid enrichment are characterized by
550 high instances of non-random convergence in base frequency (i.e., GC bias). Detecting
551 bias using similar approaches is not possible with only a limited number of variable sites,
552 as convergences that appear slow will not be detected. In the worst-case scenario,

553 filtering only ‘fast’ sites detected using any number of methods (e.g., Xia et al., 2003;
554 Goremykin et al., 2009; Goremykin et al., 2010) will lead to amplification of an
555 erroneous “signal” in the data leading to confidence for an erroneous phylogenetic
556 resolution (Dornburg et al., 2017c). Given that we found base frequencies to be near
557 stationarity ($A= 0.265$; $C= 0.239$; $G= 0.242$; $T=0.253$) nucleotide bias is not likely a
558 major axis of error in the RADseq dataset. However, even a small number of loci
559 dominated by this or other forms of homoplasy can impact the topological resolution
560 (Shen et al., 2017). Additionally, RADseq datasets do contain high levels of missing data,
561 so it is possible that information rich sites for this node were simply not captured during
562 sequencing. As such, determining the factors limiting the confident resolution of
563 *Pleuragramma antarctica* remains an open question. However, in the case of the other
564 inferred notothenioid relationships, congruence in phylogenies inferred from different
565 sets of genes (e.g., Dettai et al., 2012; Near et al., 2012) and expectations of utility based
566 on analysis of phylogenetic informativeness (Fig. 3) provide confidence in our resolution
567 for the notothenioid phylogeny (Figs. 1 and 2).

568 Understanding the drivers of diversification in rapidly radiating clades is a
569 primary area of research in evolutionary biology (e.g., Gavrilets and Losos, 2009). Given
570 that many of the iconic vertebrate adaptive radiations such as anoles (Poe et al., 2017)
571 and cichlids (Friedman et al., 2013) are Cenozoic in origin, our findings coupled with the
572 effectiveness of capturing large amounts of data for non-model organisms underscore the
573 utility of RADseq for providing phylogenetic resolution to recent radiations and species
574 flocks (e.g., Wagner et al., 2013). However, our study also demonstrates the
575 heterogeneity of phylogenetic information within this class of genomic markers, offering

576 insights into phylogenetic informativeness as it related to divergence time (Fig. 3), which
577 is consistent with results presented by Collins and Hrbek (2018). While RADseq is of
578 tremendous utility for late Cenozoic radiations, returns increasingly diminish for
579 radiations moving deeper in time towards the beginning of the Cenozoic or earlier (Figs.
580 3 and 4). Our results provide an important context for the application of RADseq data to
581 resolving interspecific phylogenetics and compliment similar studies conducted on other
582 types of next-generation sequence data such as UCE or loci captured by anchored hybrid
583 enrichment (Gilbert et al., 2015; Prum et al., 2015; Dornburg et al., 2017b; Reddy et al.,
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964 **Figure Legends**

965 **Figure 1.** Maximum likelihood phylogeny of Cryonotothenioidea inferred from RADseq
966 dataset using IQ-TREE. Numbers at nodes are bootstrap values for those with less than
967 100% support. Photographs of notothenioid specimens by P. Marriott, P. McMillan, R.
968 McPhee, T. J. Near, and C. Struthers and are deposited at the Museum of New Zealand
969 Te Papa Tongarewa and Peabody Museum of Natural History, Yale University.

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971 **Figure 2.** Species tree inferred using SVDquartets. Numbers at nodes are bootstrap
972 support values. Nodes that differ from the maximum likelihood IQ-TREE (Fig. 1) are
973 marked with a filled black circle. Photographs of notothenioid specimens by P. Marriott,
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976 University.

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978 **Figure 3.** Predictions of phylogenetic utility for RADseq and legacy DNA sequence
979 datasets. A. Violin plot comparing the distribution of site rates for each dataset, with the
980 size of each dataset in base pairs (bp) indicated above each plot. An asterisk marks the
981 truncation of the upper tail of the site rate distribution for graphical purposes.
982 B. Hexbin plot of the relative phylogenetic informativeness (PI) over time of each
983 RADseq locus. Colors correspond to number of loci with a measured value of
984 informativeness. Curved lines represent PI profiles of each legacy DNA sequence dataset.
985 C. Highest 95% posterior density interval of cryonotothenioid divergence times taken
986 from Dornburg et al. (2017a). Dashed vertical lines corresponding to the previously
987 estimated most recent common ancestor of cryonotothenioids and the onset of rapid

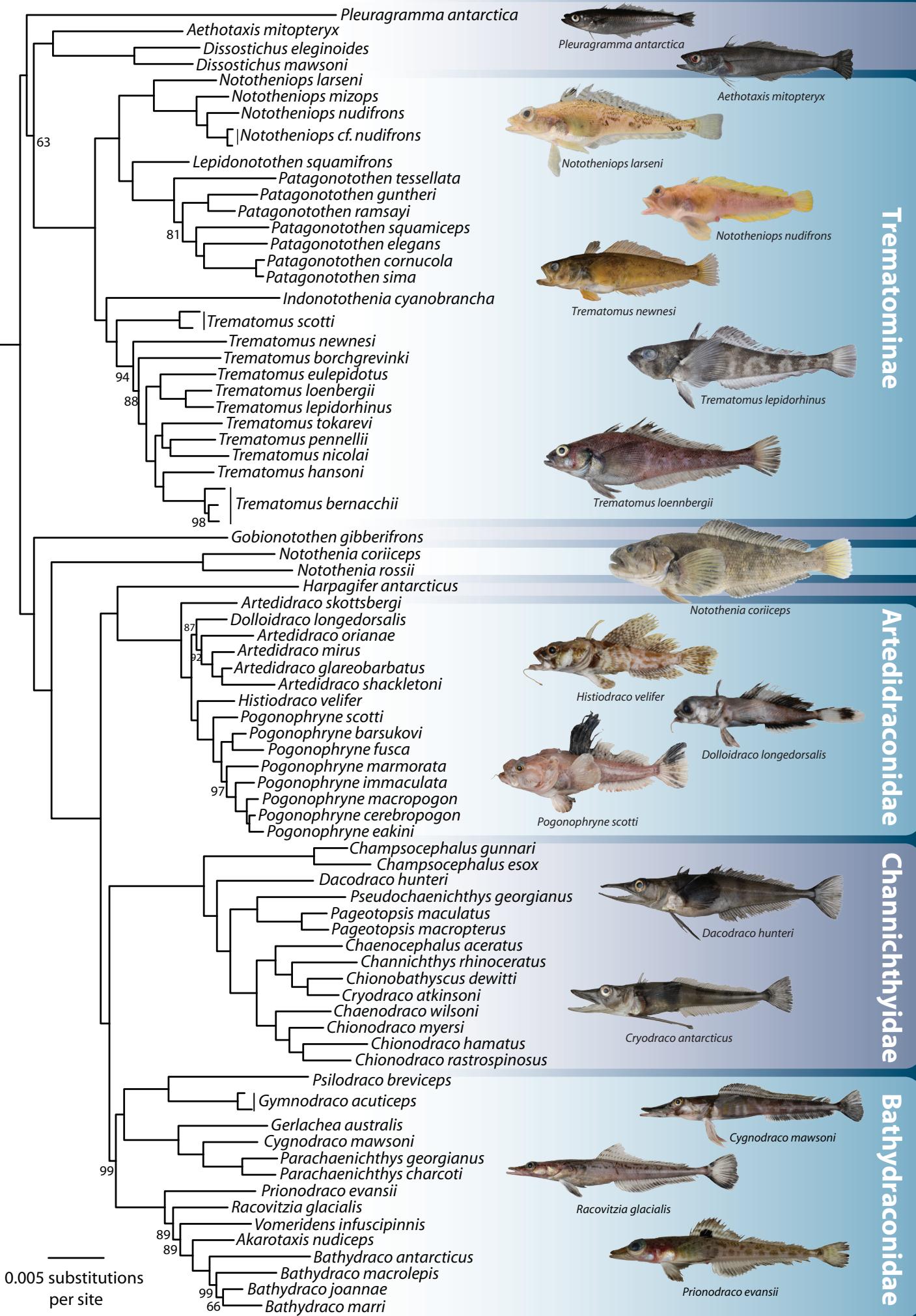
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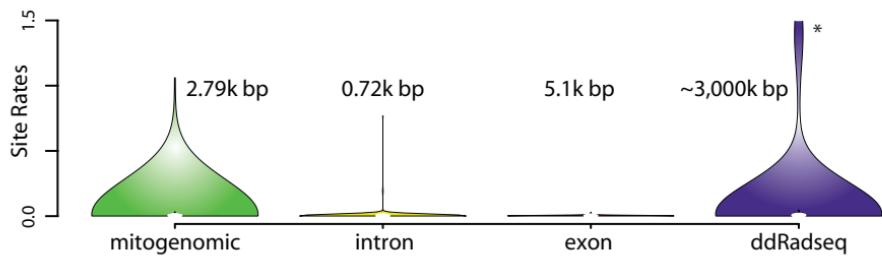
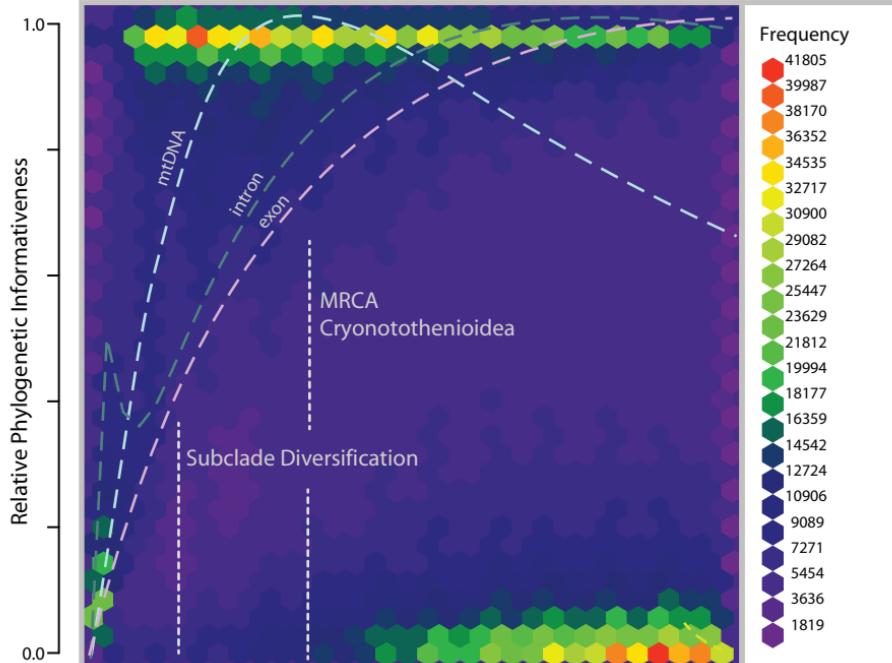
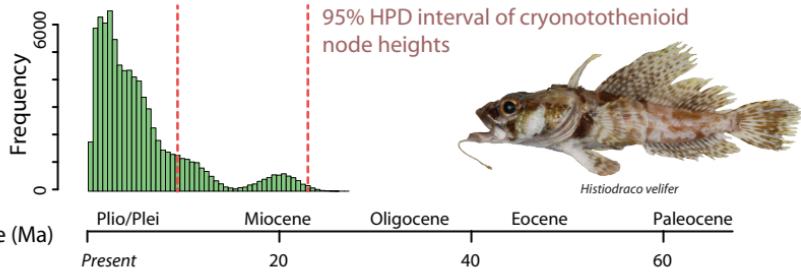
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992 **Figure 4.** Horizon plots depicting the relationship between sequence length and the
993 predicted probability of phylogenetic noise (H) misleading inference based on
994 phylogenetic signal (R). Each row corresponds to a temporal depth of a hypothetical
995 quartet beginning with recent divergences and extending to the K-Pg boundary. Colors
996 indicate the values of $R-H$, with darker blue colors indicating high R , whites indicating
997 little remaining resolving power; and darker reds indicating strong predicted probabilities
998 of H overwhelming signal.

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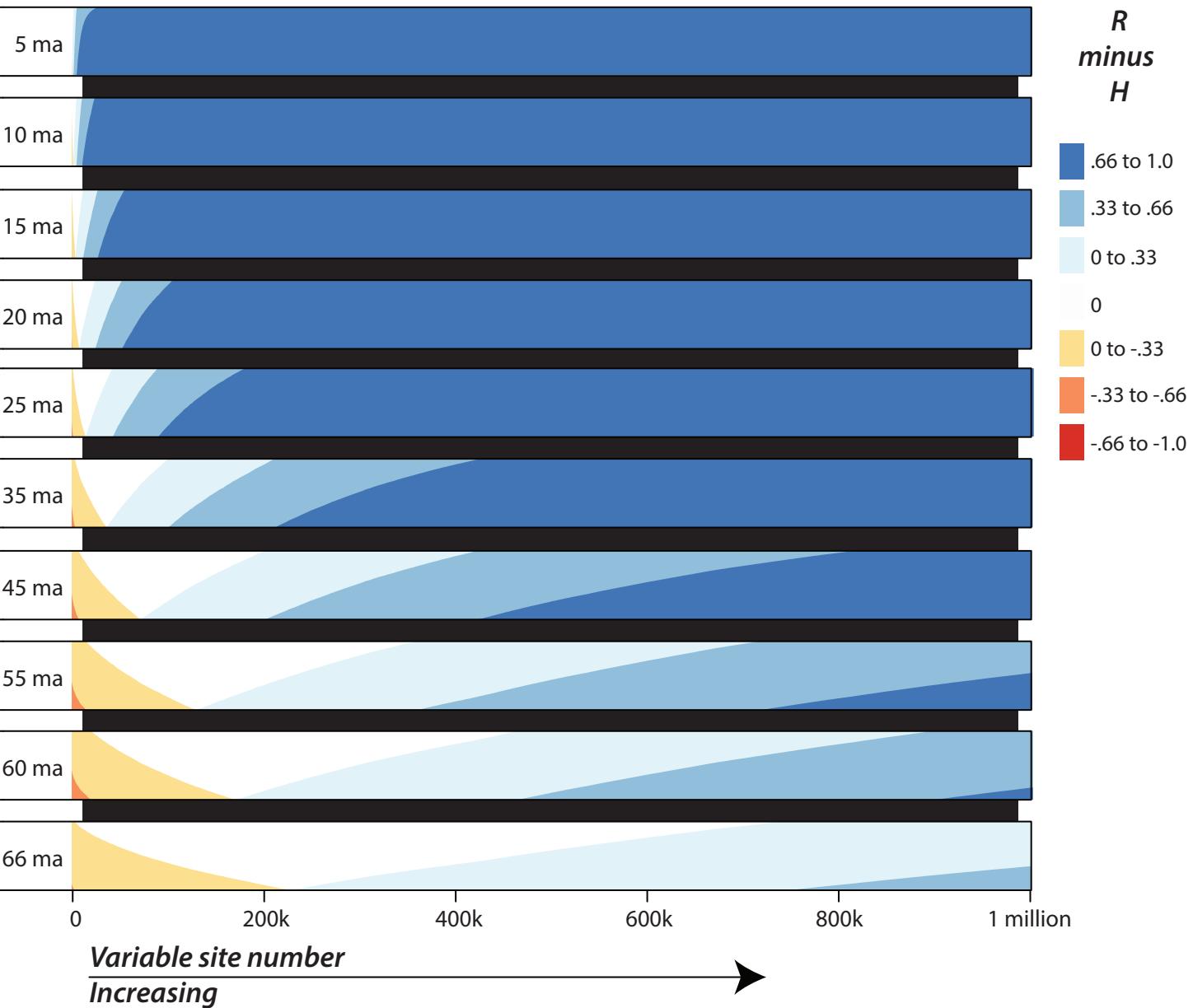


Table 1. Comparison of phylogenetic hypotheses of Notothenioidei using the approximately unbiased (AU) test based on the resampling of estimated log-likelihoods (RELL) method.

Phylogenetic hypothesis	logLn	ΔlogLn	bp-RELL	p-AU
Optimal ML tree (Fig. 1)	-7765781.407	0.000	0.713	0.774
<i>Nototheniidae</i> monophyletic	-7766949.513	1168.106	0.000	0.010
<i>Pleuragrammatinae</i> monophyletic	-7765888.625	107.218	0.283	0.250
<i>Lepidonotothen</i> monophyletic	-7768175.483	2394.076	0.000	0.007
<i>Artedidraco</i> monophyletic	-7767136.315	1354.908	0.000	0.006
<i>Indonotothenia</i> and <i>Notothenia</i> sister taxa	-7767942.406	2160.999	0.000	0.001
<i>Pagothenia</i> not nested in <i>Trematomus</i>	-7768068.765	2287.358	0.000	0.001
<i>Pseudotrematomus</i> (Balushkin 1982; 2000)	-7772505.186	6723.779	0.000	0.001
Phylogeny of <i>Trematomus</i> in Lautréou et al. (2012)	-7771618.300	5836.893	0.000	0.001