1046-92-1995 Sheree L. Arpin* (sarpin@frc.mass.edu), Department of Mathematics, 100 State Street, Framingham State College, Framingham, MA 01701-9101, and J. M. Cushing, Department of Mathematics, 617 N Santa Rita, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721. Modeling frequency-dependent selection in a population of fish.

We present a discrete-time model for a population of predatory cichlid fish known to exhibit frequency-dependent selection. We construct the model by incorporating both population genetic and population dynamic processes. We show the model predicts a temporal phenotypic oscillation in mouth-handedness, which coincides with field data and is driven by the defense mechanism of the prey species. Furthermore, our analysis indicates a previously unknown and, perhaps, unexpected feature of the oscillation. We will discuss the different routes to destabilizing a 1:1 phenotypic ratio and their biological implications. (Received September 16, 2008)