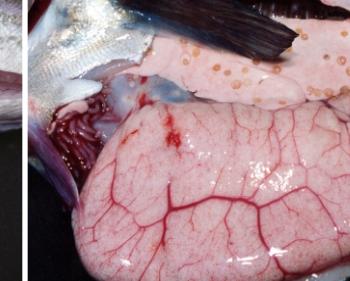


FIVE-POINT MATURITY SCALE FOR WALLEYE POLLOCK

MATURITY CODE TABLE 3
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MATURITY STAGE		♀		♂
1	Ovaries small, transparent, tapered.			
2	Ovaries tapered, orange reddish two distinct lobes with well developed red blood vessels. May be partially granular (some distinct ova).			
3	Ova opaque, potentially some hydrated, distinctly visible but cannot be extruded with compression. Ovaries are two large, distinct lobes. Gonads expelled through body wall incision.			
4	Ova extrude when ovaries are compressed, or ova are loose in ovaries (cut ovary to test).			
5	Ovaries large but flaccid and watery. May contain remnants of disintegrates ova and associated structures.			