



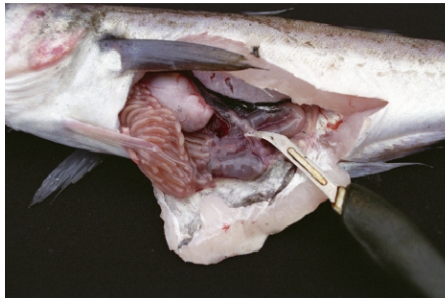



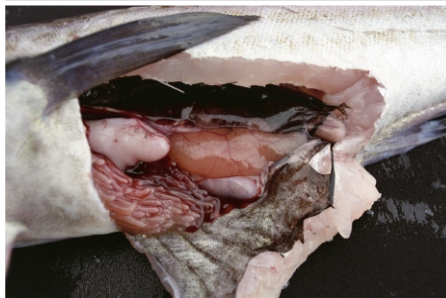

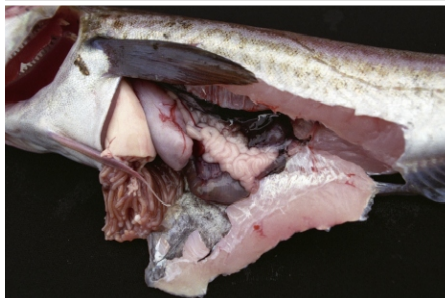


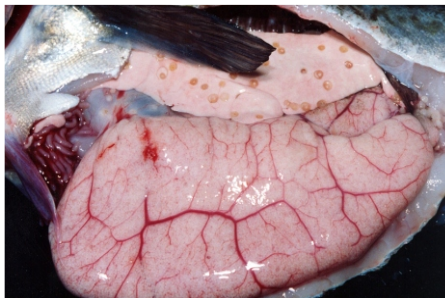


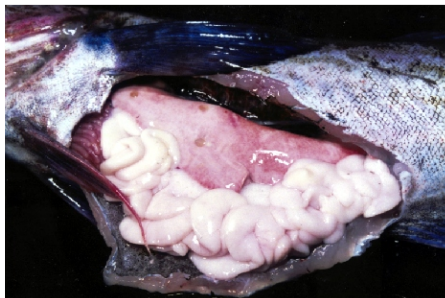
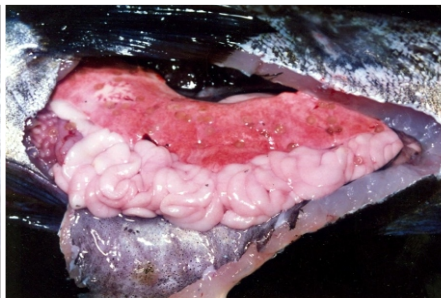




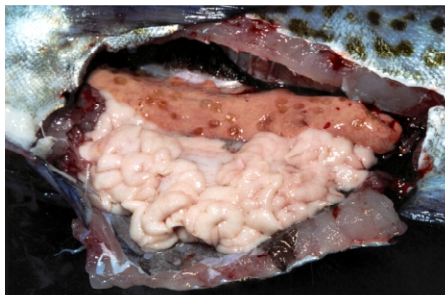
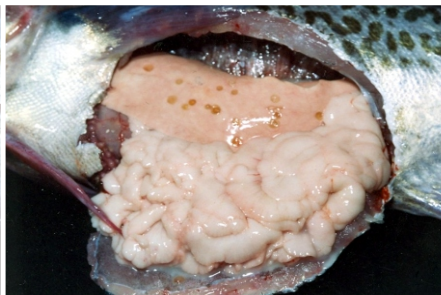

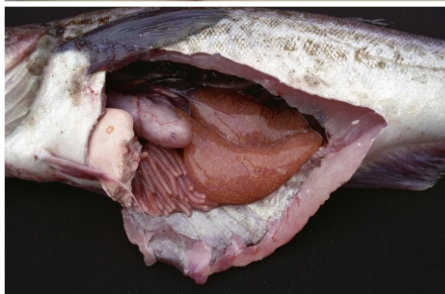


# FIVE-POINT MATURITY SCALE FOR WALLEYE POLLOCK

MATURITY CODE TABLE 3  
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MATURITY STAGE	♀			♂				
1	Ovaries small, transparent, tapered.				Testes thread like, contained within a transparent membrane.			
2	Ovaries tapered, orange reddish two distinct lobes with well developed red blood vessels. May be partially granular (some distinct ova).				Testes uniformly ribbon-like. Surface of testes appear smooth and uniformly textured.			
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.				Testes large and highly convoluted; sperm cannot be extruded. Gonads are expelled through a body wall incision.			
4	Ova extrude when ovaries are compressed, or ova are loose in ovaries (cut ovary to test).				Testes milk freely or extrude sperm when compressed.			
5	Ovaries large but flaccid and watery. May contain remnants of disintegrates ova and associated structures.				Testes large but flaccid, watery, and bloodshot.	