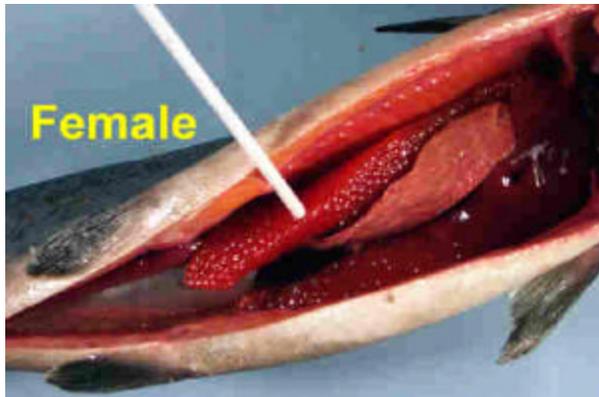


# SALMONIDS IN THE CLASSROOM: SALMON DISSECTION

## STEP 3

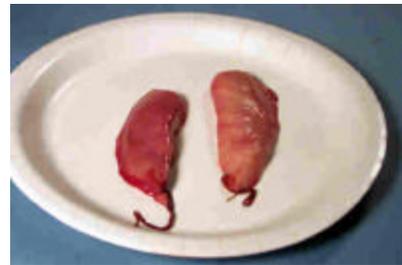
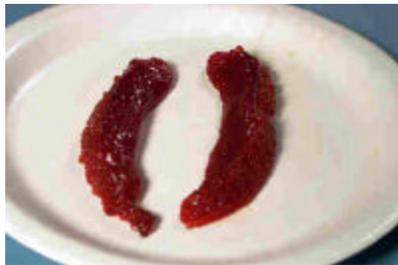


### EGGS

- If the fish is female there are two sacs of eggs each held with a membrane. When the female is ready to spawn the eggs come loose inside her body and are layed from the vent.

### MILT

- If the fish is male there are two sacs or testes, that produce milt when ready to spawn. The milt becomes liquid containing sperm and is squeezed out the vent opening to fertilize the eggs. The milt sacs are usually firm and white if the male has not spawned.



1. Remove the eggs or milt by gently pulling the sacs away from the body.

- Coho salmon have an average of 2,500 eggs but some species have from 2,000 to 5,000. Only 375 coho survive to become fry, only 30 survive to become smolts, about 4 to 5 become adults, and only two will return to spawn.