

# 1. Anatomy

## Finfish

The external and internal anatomy of finfish varies considerably across species. Specific adaptations to predator–prey interactions, aquatic habitat variability and dietary preferences can explain these differences. One example is the short intestinal length of carnivorous fish compared with the relatively long intestine of herbivorous fish. Another, is the ventrally directed mouth of bottom-feeding species such as European carp (*Cyprinus carpio*) compared with the upward oriented mouth of the surface-feeding saratoga (*Scleropages leichardti*).

**Figure 1 Mature male Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*)**



Note: Typical hooked mouth.

Source: M Porter

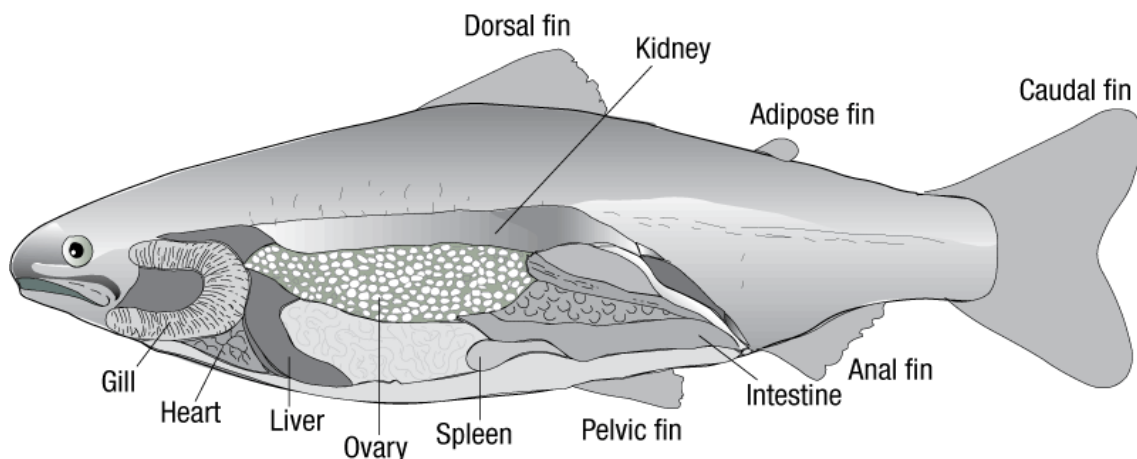
**Figure 2 Gravid female Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*)**



Note: Distended abdomen and protruding spawning vent.

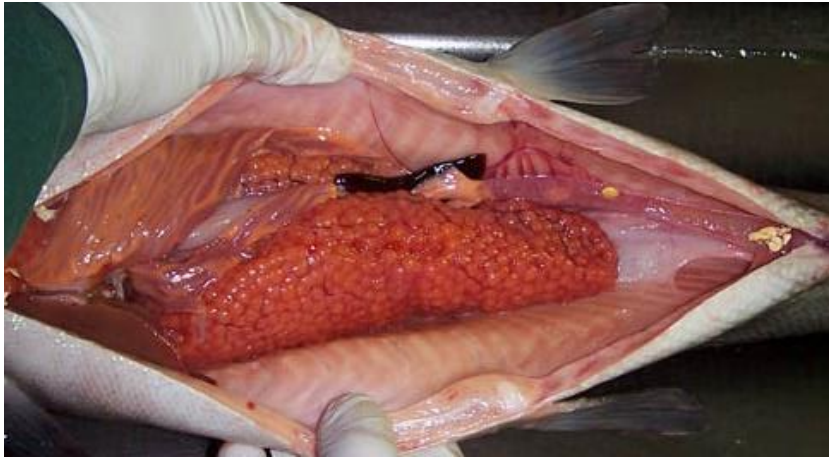
Source: M Porter

**Figure 3 Anatomy of female juvenile salmon**



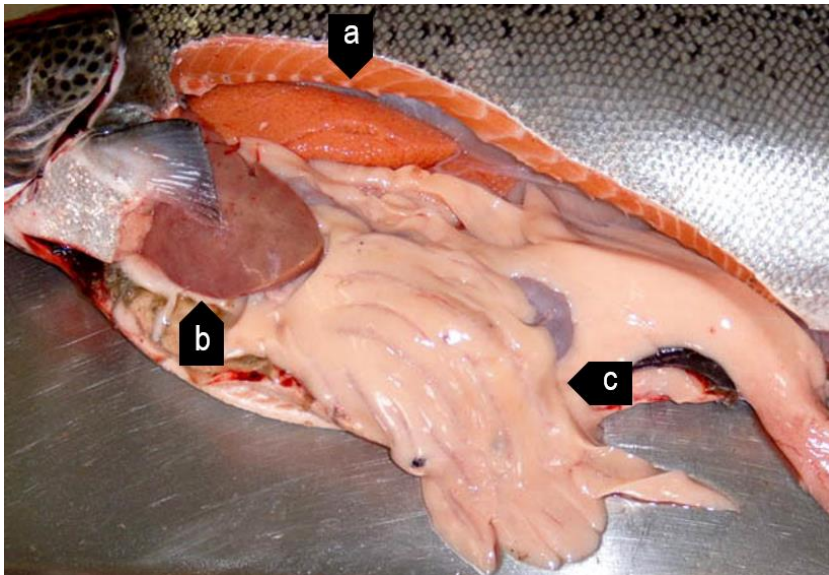
Source: Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

**Figure 4 Stomach cavity of gravid female Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*)**



Note: Stomach cavity dominated by ovary. Compare the relative size of ovary with the rest of the internal organs.  
Source: K Nelson

**Figure 5 Internal organs of gravid female Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*)**



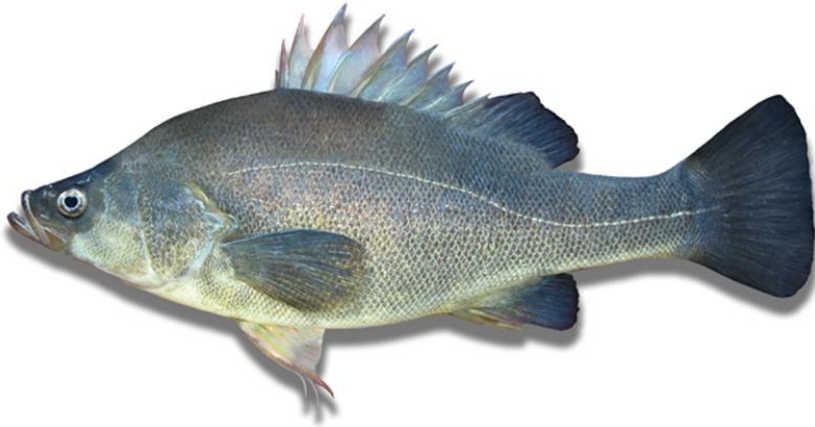
Note: Ovary (a) is positioned between the liver (b) and intestines (c) and the vertebrae.  
Source: M Porter

**Figure 6 Degenerative eggs in old female Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*)**



Source: M Porter

**Figure 7 Golden perch (*Macquaria ambigua*)**



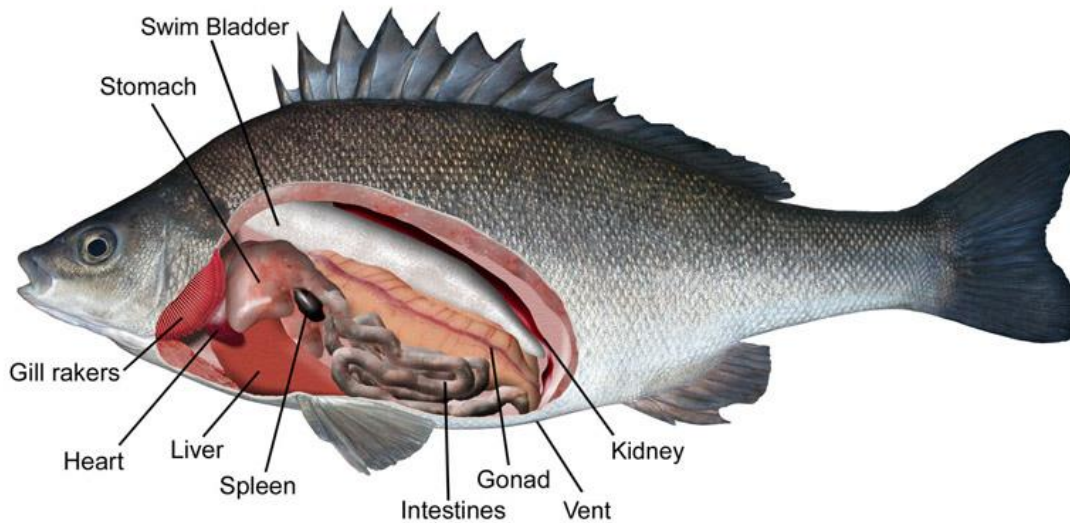
Note: Compare morphology to silver perch (*Bidyanus bidyanus*) in Figure 8  
Source: New South Wales Department of Primary Industries

**Figure 8 Silver perch (*Bidyanus bidyanus*)**



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**Figure 9 Internal anatomy of silver perch (*Bidyanus bidyanus*)**



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