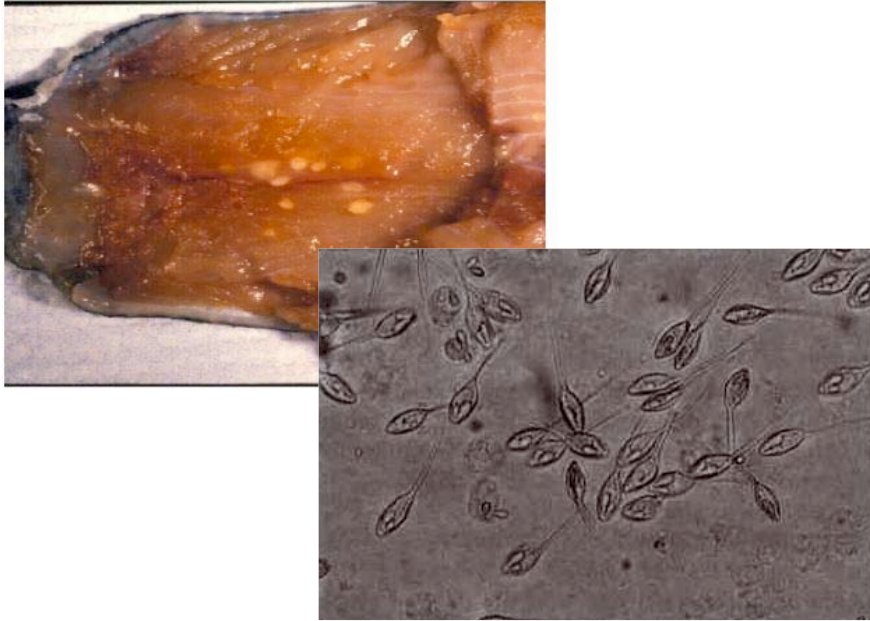




Fish Health Fact Sheet



Tapioca Disease

(Henneguya zschokki)

Henneguya is commonly referred to as tapioca disease because of the large tapioca-like cysts that it creates in the muscle tissue of fish. The parasite life cycle has not been described however it probably involves an annelid worm as a secondary host. Fish do not seem to be adversely affected by the presence of the parasite. Although aesthetically the flesh may be less than desirable the parasite presents no risk to humans or domestic animals.

