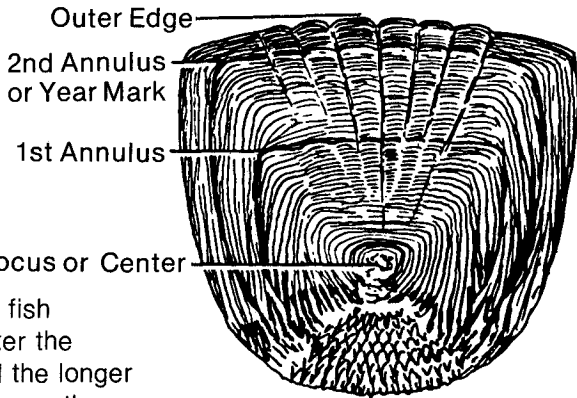


AGE of FISH



Growth rates of fish vary — the better the food supply and the longer the growing season, the better the growth.

This scale was taken from a bass in its third year. The fish was 12 inches long and grew about 6 inches its first year and 4 inches during the second year.

The year marks or annuli are formed during the winter months when the fish is growing very slowly.