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Lesion abbreviations in alphabetical order		
#	Abbreviation	Expanded text
1	<b>BPC</b>	Basophilic cytoplasm (hepatocytes); BPC is normal in mature females producing protein for deposition in their eggs. In juvenile salmon it might be related to increased protein needed as part an inflammatory response.
2	<b>BPH</b>	Biliary preductular cell hyperplasia (liver); BPH is evidence of exposure to toxins. The toxins could be produced inside the fish (e.g., bacterial toxins) or come from outside the fish (e.g., from the water or the feed).
3	<b>CTM</b>	Connective tissue mineralization (eye, sclera) is probably a result of systemic mineral imbalance; it might also be related to focal tissue damage;
4	<b>EHP</b>	Endothelial cell hypertrophy, with eosinophilic granules (spleen); EHP probably is the spleen equivalent of EGC: evidence of systemic immune stimulation: probably resulting from inflammatory cell mediators released into the circulation (e.g., with certain bacterial infections).
5	<b>FPL</b>	Focal/multifocal parenchymal leukocytes (liver); FPL are foci of chronic immune stimulation (e.g., the result of a bacterial infection).
6	<b>GLF</b>	Gill lamellar fusion; GLF decreases the available surface area for gas transfer. Gill lamellar fusion may be a result of physical damage from exposure to a parasite or diatoms (e.g., <i>Chaetoceros</i> spp.). GLF has been associated with exposure to heavy metals and with hypoxia (thought to be from fish gasping for oxygen at the water-air interface).
7	<b>GLH</b>	Gill lamellar hyperplasia/hypertrophy; GLH decreases the efficiency of gas exchange. Common causes of include physical and chemical irritants in the water, including parasites (e.g., <i>Paramoeba</i> spp.).
8	<b>GR</b>	(HGR or SGR) Granulomatous inflammation (no confirmed cause); differentials for granulomatous inflammation include a reaction to a vaccine and chronic bacterial disease (e.g., <i>Yersinia ruckeri</i> or <i>Renibacterium salmoninarum</i> infection).
9	<b>GRP</b>	Golden renal pigment (probably lipofuscin); GRP is a nonspecific change that can result from a variety of insults, including rancid feed, low levels of antioxidants in the feed, chronic infections, and exposure to organic contaminants. When tubular epithelial cells are involved, variation in size of nuclei and cytoplasm is evidence of cellular degeneration and regeneration, and it is consistent with persistent damage to the tubules.
10	<b>IPC</b>	Intratubular (luminal) protein casts (kidney); IPCs result from glomerular or tubular dysfunction; either excess protein leaks through glomeruli or tubules are unable to reabsorb protein. This lesion sometimes is associated with VHSV infection.
11	<b>IPR</b>	Intestinal peritonitis or peritonitis of adjacent mesenteries; IPR is consistent with a reaction to foreign material; it is common in fish that have been vaccinated. Vacuoles (when present) probably represent lipophilic vaccine material that was removed during tissue processing (alcohol and xylene remove lipid from tissues before staining). Peritonitis can also result from a bacterial infection (e.g., <i>Yersinia ruckeri</i> or <i>Aeromonas salmonicida</i> ).
12	<b>ISH</b>	Interstitial (hematopoietic) cell hyperplasia (kidney); ISH is evidence of increased demand for erythrocytes or white blood cells somewhere in the body. In Chinook salmon, this lesion is often associated with the clinical diagnosis of "Marine anemia".
13	<b>LFN</b>	Liver focal/multifocal necrosis; hepatocellular necrosis can be caused by inadequate vascular perfusion (e.g., as occurs with harmful algal blooms or hypoxia) or direct cytotoxicity from viral or bacterial infections (e.g., viral hemorrhagic septicemia virus or <i>Piscirickettsia salmonis</i> ).
14	<b>LIP</b>	Lipidosis (hepatocellular); LIP often occurs when fish are not feeding; it also occurs in cases of inadequate nutrition.
15	<b>MCC</b>	Mesenteric capillary congestion; distension of capillaries in the mesenteric adipose tissue is nonspecific evidence of circulating vasodilators; hemorrhage sometimes occurs in severe cases. MCC is most commonly associated with VHSV and bacterial infections.
16	<b>MCH</b>	Mucous cell hyperplasia (gill);excess mucus on the surface of the gill is a reponse to irritatants in the water (e.g., toxins or parasites).
17	<b>MEN</b>	Meningitis and encephalitis (brain); MEN is evidence of immune stimulation; differentials include viruses, bacteria, and parasites
18	<b>MIN</b>	Mineralization (kidney); MIN is common in cultured fish species; when severe, the condition is termed nephrocalcinosis. The lesion is not considered fatal, although feed conversion may be adversely affected. The pathogenesis is not fully understood, but renal mineralization has been experimentally reproduced through high carbon dioxide levels, magnesium deficiency, selenium toxicity, and a diet low in minerals (source, "Systemic Pathology of Fish", Second edition, 2006, edited by H. Ferguson). Clinically, renal mineralization is most commonly associated with high carbon dioxide levels.
19	<b>MKM</b>	Myocardial karyomegaly/megalocytosis; MKM probably is an indication of multiple copies of DNA within the affected nuclei; this could represent a developmental anomaly or a response to toxicant exposure. Karyomegaly in other cell types has been associated with exposure to algal toxins (e.g., hepatocytes exposed to microcystin LR in netpen liver disease).
20	<b>PER</b>	Peritonitis (spleen); PER is consistent with a reaction to foreign material; it is common in fish that have been vaccinated; the primary differential, especially when peritonitis is fibrinous, is a bacterial infection (e.g., <i>Yersinia ruckeri</i> or <i>Aeromonas salmonicida</i> ).
21	<b>RTN</b>	Renal tubular necrosis (epithelial); RTN is commonly associated with viral hemorrhagic septicemia virus (VHSV); differentials include exposure to toxins (e.g., bacterial toxins, heavy metals, or aminoglycoside antibiotics such as gentamicin).
22	<b>HHD</b>	hepatocellular hydropic degeneration; HHD is evidence of cellular damage in the liver. Possible differentials include exposure to toxins (endogenous or exogenous) or viral infection (VHSV).
23	<b>SSC</b>	Sinusoidal congestion (liver); SSC is a nonspecific result of sinusoidal damage. In BC Atlantic salmon, sinusoidal congestion is an uncommon feature of infection with viral hemorrhagic septicemia virus (VHSV) and Listonella anguillarum. Sinusoidal congestion is one of the classic lesions associated with infectious salmon anemia virus (ISAV) infection, but ISAV has never been identified in British Columbia.
24	<b>TDI</b>	Tubular dilation (of lumen, kidney); TDI is evidence that flow of urine is abnormal. The most probable cause is some type of flow blockage. Increased sectional area of the tubular lumen can also result from attenuation of epithelial cells (e.g., after necrosis of tubular epithelial cells).
25	<b>TEP</b>	Tubular epithelial protein droplets (intracytoplasmic, renal tubules); TEP are normal in some species, or they may be an indication of glomerular disease. Ferguson ("Systemic Pathology of Fish," second edition, 2006) reports an association of renal protein droplets and high ammonia levels in salmonids.
26	<b>UDF</b>	Ulcerative dermatitis, with filamentous bacteria (probably <i>Tenacibaculum maritimum</i> ); enlargement of ulcers is enhanced when fish are under some type of stress (e.g., crowding, suboptimal water quality, other infection).
27	<b>VAC</b>	Vacuolation of hepatocyte cytoplasm; vacuoles might be normal for fish on diets with a high proportion of plant-based components. Vacuoles that contain eosinophilic granules (lysosomes filled with cellular debris?) might be a result of toxin exposure.