

COMMON FISH HEALTH ISSUES

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FISH HEALTH ISSUES

Non-infectious

- Nutrition
- Water Quality
- Congenital
- Trauma

Infectious

- Viruses
- Bacteria
- Parasites
- "Fungi"/Molds



FAIRLY COMMON BACTERIAL DISEASES

Aeromonas salmonicida (Furunculosis)

Aeromonas hydrophila (Motile Aeromonad Septicemia, Red Sore Disease)

Columnaris Causing Bacteria (Columnaris)

Flavobacterium psychrophilum (Bacterial Coldwater Disease)

Streptococcus iniae (Strep)

Just to name a few

PARASITIC & "FUNGAL" DISEASES

Ichthyophthirius multifiliis ("Ich", White Spot Disease)

Myxobolus cerebralis (Whirling Disease)

Monogeneans – Dactylogyrus & Gyrodactylus

Saprolegnia – not a true fungus

VIRUSES

Lot of regulatory testing

Outbreaks are less common

Biosecurity is key

No treatments

Host and temperature specific most of the time



AEROMONAS SALMONICIDA

- Presentation
 - Serious mortality
 - Salmonids, carp
- Clinical Signs
 - Furuncles, hemorrhage, enlarged kidneys
- Diagnosis
 - Bacterial culture
- Treatment
 - Antibiotic medicated feed





AEROMONAS HYDROPHILA

- Presentation
 - Fresh and brackish water
 - Acute to chronic morbidity and mortality
 - All freshwater species, mainly warmer water
- Clinical signs
 - Redness, ulcers, popeye, inflammation of the coelom
- Diagnosis
 - Bacterial culture
- Treatment
 - Antibiotic medicated feed





COLUMNARIS CAUSING BACTERIA

- Presentation
 - Freshwater at high temperatures
- Clinical Signs
 - Ulcers, fin erosion, gill necrosis, high mortality, yellow pigmented lesions
- Diagnosis
 - Bacterial culture
- Treatment
 - Dual internal and external
 - Antibiotic medicated feed
 - Bath treatment: hydrogen peroxide, chloramine T





FLAVOBACTERIUM PSYCHROPHILUM

- Presentation
 - Freshwater at low temperatures
- Clinical Signs
 - Ulcers, fin & tail erosion, high mortality, yellow pigmented lesions, darkened tails
- Diagnosis
 - Bacterial culture
- Treatment
 - Antibiotic medicated feed



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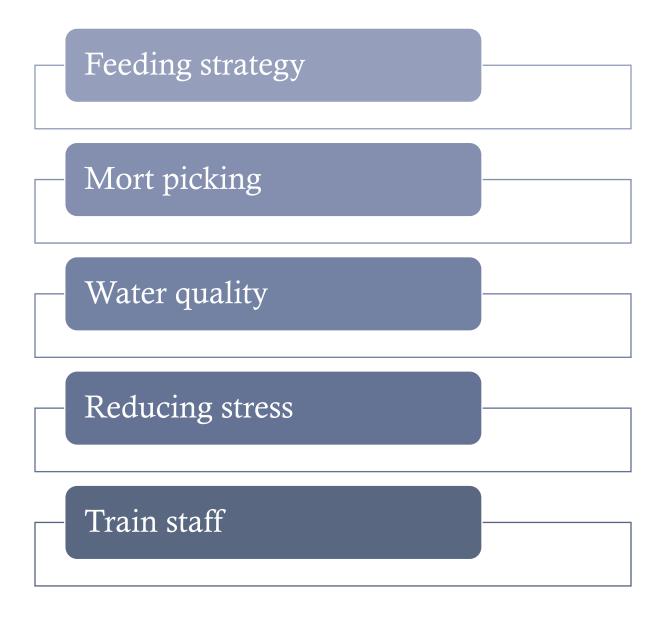


STREPTOCOCCUS INIAE

- Presentation
 - Typically mortality in tilapia, barramundi
- Clinical Signs
 - Abnormal swimming, loss of buoyancy control, popeye
- Diagnosis
 - Bacterial culture
- Treatment
 - Antibiotic medicated feed









OVERALL PLAN

Genetics

Risk Factors

Pathogen Load

Biosecurity

Early Detection

Treatments

KEY TAKEAWAYS



Monitoring, record keeping



Good relationship with a fish health professional



Early diagnosis



Early, effective treatment



Keep an eye on things!

THANK YOU! ANY QUESTIONS?

