Lab: Virtual Fish Dissection

Directions: Using the following website as a starting point, answer the following questions.

https://australianmuseum.net.au/learn/animals/fishes/blue-mackerel-scomber-australasicus-cuvier-1832/

- 1. What is the scientific name of the Blue Mackerel (genus & species)?
- 2. Describe the Blue Mackerel.
- 3. How large do Blue Mackerel grow?
- 4. Blue Mackerel are clearly countershaded. Define "countershaded" (not given).

https://australianmuseum.net.au/learn/animals/fishes/fish-dissections/

5. Label 1-4. (these are the same pictures and numbers as online)



6. Label 1-5. (these are the same pictures and numbers as online)

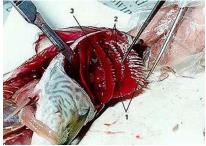


7. Describe what the swim bladder looks like.



8. What does the swim bladder do?

9. Label 1-3. (these are the same pictures and numbers as online)



- 10. What is another name for the gill filaments of bony fishes?
- 11. Compare the gill filaments of highly active and less active fishes.

https://australianmuseum.net.au/learn/animals/fishes/fish-scales/

- 12. Do all fish have scales?
- 13. Draw a sample placoid scale.
- 14. Draw a sample cosmoid scale.
- 15. Draw a sample ganoid scale.
- 16. Draw a sample cycloid scale.
- 17. How are scales used to determine the approximate age of a fish?
- 18. Give an example of a fish that has more than one type of scale.

$\underline{https://australianmuseum.net.au/learn/animals/fishes/parts-of-a-fish/}$

19. Draw a fish and label the six major fins.