Voucher Imaging and Analysis

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Vouchers & Mark Assessment

- Hatcheries submit vouchers from each mark group.
- Bottles are logged in by unique Thermal Mark Id (TMID).
- Vouchers are dissected, mounted, examined and imaged.
- Images are chosen that represent the variability of each mark group.
- Variability is quantified in terms of appearance, ring counts and distances.
- Images are measured, annotated and graded then submitted for approval before uploading to website.

Voucher Submission and Imaging Overview



VOUCHER IMAGES TAKEN AND EXAMINED

LOG IN VOUCHERS



DISSECT AND MOUNT VOUCHERS



REPRESENTATIVE IMAGES CHOSEN



90m 50 m 13 m 9 m 9 m

IMAGES ARE LABELED,

ANNOTATED AND GRADED

FINAL IMAGES ARE APPROVED AND ENTERED INTO ONLINE DATABASE



Receipt & Log In of Vouchers

• The Thermal Mark Lab uses a custom application to log samples into an ORACLE database by their unique TMID (thermal mark identification name).

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Receipt & Log In of Vouchers, cont'd.

- Each bottle is labeled with a number starting with 1.
- This bottle number is entered with the hatchery's lot number and other information such as:
 - incubator,
 - sample date,
 - CTU's.



Receipt & Log In of Vouchers, cont'd.

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Box 1 of 1

• Slide, vial, tray and slide box labels are printed out.

 Slide and vial labels are affixed and attached to their corresponding voucher bottle.





Voucher Preparation for Imaging

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Other Necessary Supplies:

Dissecting Microscope

•Thermoplastic Cement

•Cooling Tray Hot plate Vial Holder Ethanol Water Forceps

Probe

0% ETHA

TAP WATER

Voucher Preparation for Imaging, cont'd...



Approximately 25 left otoliths are dissected for each voucher bottle.



20 otoliths are placed in storage vials with a 10% Ethanol solution

5 otoliths, one per slide are mounted onto the slide using thermoplastic cement.

10%

Voucher Preparation for Imaging, cont'd...

Once dissected, otoliths are ground by hand to expose the thermal mark using:

- •Lapping film with varying grit: 0.3 um to 9 um.
- Water
- Compound Microscope





Grinding





Voucher Imaging

Multiple Images are taken for each TMID

5 slides from each bottle are reviewed and imaged:













Voucher Measurements



W.H: 823,612

Image: 100Micrometer25x (um) System: 100Mi

Voucher Measurements

•Distance measurements are taken for *at least* one slide per bottle. (5 minimum)

•A transect line is placed at ~"10:00" starting at the leftmost primordia and extending past the last thermal mark.

Voucher Measurements Distance Measurements (µm) are taken for:

Distance Between Bands

Each Band Width

From Primordia To First Band

Voucher Measurements

Mark ID, Bottle Number and Slide Number are selected using the *Read Specimen Detail* application.

Corresponding measurements are entered into the application.

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Voucher Annotation

Using Image-Pro, the image is annotated with the measurements.



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A label is generated with the Read Specimen Detail application. This label displays all pertinent information about that sample.

25 um



Final Voucher Image



Final Voucher Image



Voucher Quality

💓 Read Specimen Detail - Welcome MWLOVEJOY

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1.2n.3H

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1/13/2009

The thermal mark observed in the majority of samples is entered.

The mark quality is then assessed and a "Mark Grade" is entered.

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Voucher Quality

Mark Grade	Certainty it is marked	% Actual mark is identifiable	How Does it fit the proposed mark?	Consistency among bottles	Noise?
А	Excellent	95%	Perfect	Excellent	None
В	Very Good	75%	80% or better of lots fit proposed mark	Good, all similar	Little
С	Good	50%	60% or better of lots fit proposed mark	1 or 2 lots inconsistent from others	Some
D	Maybe	30%	30% or better of lots fit proposed mark	3 lots inconsistent from others	Noise, maybe 1 extra ring
Е	None	<30%	No lots match proposed mark	Difficult to Identify	Lots of noise and extra rings

"Otie," our lab mascot!

