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Aging Scales of Walleye, Yellow Perch, and Northern Pike

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Abstract.—This report discusses difficulties in determining the age of walleye *Stizostedion vitreum*, yellow perch *Perca flavescens*, and northern pike *Esox lucius* from scale samples. It recommends procedures and offers tips to improve success. Photocopies of known-age specimens are included to illustrate scale patterns and difficulties in recognizing true and false annuli. The illustrations may be used as a training exercise.