Life Cycle of *Myxobolus cerebralis*

WHIRLING DISEASE PARASITE

WATER

SEDIMENT

TAM STAGE OF *MYXOBOLUS CEREBRALIS*

TAM (triactinomyxon) attaches to trout skin and injects the parasite.

INFECTED TROUT

Myxospores are released when dead fish decomposes.

MYXOSPORE STAGE OF *MYXOBOLUS CEREBRALIS*

Myxospores infest Tubifex worms.

INFECTED TUBIFEX WORMS

Tubifex worms release TAM (triactinomyxon) spores into water.

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