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incidental takes of anadromous fish in the North Pacific
Ocean in 2007/2008 Fiscal Year**

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Five cruises of Japanese research vessels are tentatively scheduled to conduct the following scientific research for pelagic fishes in the North Pacific in 2007/2008 fiscal year (Table 1). There are some possibilities of incidental catch of salmon during these cruises. In case of gillnet operation, lengths of gillnets will be less than 2.5 km at sea.

Table 1. Research cruise plans for pelagic fishes in the North Pacific Ocean in 2007/2008 fiscal year.

Vessel	Period	Survey area	Research objects	Gear equipped
<i>Oumi maru</i>	May 29– July 6	30°00'N – 50°00'N, 165°00'E – 160°00'W excluding Russian and USA 200 NMZ	Abundance of Pacific saury	Mid-water trawl
<i>Hokuho maru</i>	June 9– July 18	30°00'N – 50°00'N, 14°00'E – 178°00'E excluding Russian 200 NMZ	Abundance of Pacific saury	Mid-water trawl Gillnets
<i>Hokuho maru</i>	Sept 13– Oct 8	37°00'N – 46°00'N, 140°00'E – 160°00'E excluding Russian 200 NMZ	Abundance of Pelagic fish	Mid-water trawl
<i>Hokushin maru</i>	July 1– July30*	40°00' - 47°00'N, 149°00' - 163°00'E excluding Russian 200 NMZ	Abundance of Pacific saury	Gillnets
<i>To be determined</i>	June 15 – Dec 14	30°00' – 50°00'N, 153°00'E – 150°00'W excluding Russian and USA 200 NMZ	Test of technical and commercial fisheries development using mid-water trawl net.	Mid-water trawl

*: detailed schedule not fixed yet, but will be included in this period.