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Preliminary Commercial Salmon Harvests in 2011 compiled by HNFRI

The commercial catches in coastal and offshore areas of Japan in 2011 totaled 46.1 million, including 39.7 million chum and 6.4 million pink salmon (Tables 1, 2). The official specific statistics data may be available by the end of March 2013.

Table 1. Preliminary Japanese commercial salmon catch by species by area in thousands of fish in 2011. Catch data were based on HNFRI (FRA) data sources, not official statistics of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan.

Stat.	Area	Total	Sockeye	Chum	Pink	Coho	Chinook	Masu	Steelhead
(1) Coastal									
I Hokkaido									
	Pacific C.	14,112	0	13,775	331	2	4	0
	Japan Sea C*.	25,316	0	20,708	4,608	0	0	-
II Honshu									
	Pacific C.	4,801		4,792	9	...	0	...	-
	Japan Sea C.	322		322	0	0	0	...	-
(2) Off-shore									
200-mile zone.									
	Pacific	1,587	-	123	1,464	-	-	-	-
	Japan Sea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		46,138	0	39,720	6,412	2	4	...	0

Notes: - = no catch; 0 = less than 500 fish; ...= no data available.

*Including the Okhotsk Sea coast.

Table 2. Preliminary Japanese commercial salmon catch by species by area in tons of fish in 2011. Catch data were based on HNFRI (FRA) data sources, not official statistics of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan.

Stat.	Area	Total	Sockeye	Chum	Pink	Coho	Chinook	Masu	Steelhead
(1) Coastal									
I Hokkaido									
	Pacific C.	45,651	0	44,521	492	5	21	612	0
	Japan Sea C*.	78,114	0	70,918	6,845	1	1	349	0
II Honshu									
	Pacific C.	16,258	...	14,645	11 1,271**		1	330	-
	Japan Sea C.	1,115	...	1,004	-	-	-	111	-
(2) Off-shore									
200-mile zone.									
	Pacific	2,179	-	258	1,920	-	-	-	-
	Japan Sea		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		143,317	0	131,346	9,268	1,277	24	1,402	-

Notes: - = no catch; 0 = less than 0.5 tons; ...= no data available.

*Including the Okhotsk Sea coast.

**Unusual high catch of coho salmon along the Pacific coast of Honshu was probably caused by large escapements from marine net-pen culture facilities damaged by the March 11, 2011 Earthquake and Tsunami.