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incidental takes of anadromous fish in the North Pacific
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Eight Japanese research vessels are tentatively scheduled to conduct the following scientific research for pelagic fishes in the western North Pacific in 2001/2002 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 2001/2002 fiscal year.

Vessel	Period	Survey area	Research objects	Gear equipped
<i>Wakatori maru</i>	Apr 21 – May 28	35°30' - 42°30'N, 170°00'E - 180°00'	Abundance of neon flying squid	Gillnets
<i>Kaiyo maru</i>	May 18 – Jun 8	35°00' - 45°00'N, 141°00' - 160°00'E excluding Russian EEZ	Biomass of pelagic fishes	Mid-water trawl
	Oct 2 – Oct 22	35°00' - 50°00'N, 141°00' - 160°00'E excluding Russian EEZ	Biomass of pelagic fishes	Mid-water trawl Gillnets
<i>Hokuho maru</i>	Jun 14 – Jul 23	35°00' - 50°00'N, 141°00' - 160°00'E including Russian EEZ	Biomass of pelagic fishes	Mid-water trawl Gillnets
<i>Hokushin maru</i>	Jun 25 – Oct 26	38°00' - 50°00'N, 142°00' - 165°00'E excluding Russian EEZ	Abundance of Pacific saury	Gillnets
<i>Iwaki maru</i>	Undecided (80 days)	35°00' - 44°00'N, 141°00' - 155°00'E excluding Russian EEZ	Abundance of Pacific saury	Gillnets
<i>Mito maru</i>	Jun 1 – Jun 30	32°00' - 41°00'N, 140°00' - 155°00'E excluding Russian EEZ	Abundance of pelagic fishes	Gillnets
<i>Shin-miyagi maru</i>	Jul 10 – Aug 10	42°00' - 46°00'N, 155°00'E - 165°00' excluding Russian EEZ	Abundance of Pacific saury	Gillnets
<i>Iwate maru</i>	Jul 9 – Jul 31	35°00' - 50°00'N, 141°00' - 150°00'E excluding Russian EEZ	Abundance of Pacific saury	Gillnets