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of anadromous fish in the North Pacific Ocean in 2006/2007 Fiscal
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Twelve cruises of Japanese research vessels are tentatively scheduled to conduct the following scientific research for pelagic fishes in the North Pacific in 2006/2007 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 2006 fiscal year.

Vessel	Period	Survey area	Research objects	Gear equipped
<i>Oumi maru</i>	May 30– July 6	30°00'N – 50°00'N, 165°00'E' – 160°00'W excluding Russian and USA EEZ	Abundance of Pacific saury	Mid-water trawl
<i>Hokuho maru</i>	May 10 – May 30	35°00' – 40°00'N, 143°00'E' – 163°00'E excluding Russian EEZ	Biomass of juvenile fishes and squid	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 EEZ	Abundance of Pacific saury	Mid-water trawl Gillnets
<i>Hokuho maru</i>	Sept 9– Oct 4	37°00'N – 46°00'N, 140°00'E – 160°00'E excluding Russian EEZ	Abundance of Pelagic fish	Mid-water trawl
<i>Hokko maru</i>	June 28 – July 12	35°00'N – 50°00'N, 143°00'E – 170°00'E excluding Russian EEZ	Technical development of trawl net	Mid-water trawl
<i>Kaiyo maru</i>	January 30 – March 19, 2007	22°00' – 45°00'N, 127°00' – 170°00'E excluding Russian EEZ, and Sea of Japan	Abundance of Pacific saury	Mid-water trawl Gillnets
<i>Shunyo maru</i>	Feb 1 - Feb 15 2007	35°00' – 47°00'N, 141°00' – 160°00'E excluding Russian EEZ	Abundance of food organisms for whales	Mid-water trawl
<i>Kaiun maru</i>	May 17 – June 14	34°00'N – 41°00'N, 140°00'E – 165°00'E excluding Russian EEZ	Biomass and ecology of pelagic fishes which may feed on juvenile fishes	Gill nets
<i>Hokushin maru</i>	June 27– July 6	38°00' - 43°00'N, 142°00' - 149°00'E excluding Russian EEZ	Abundance of pelagic fishes	Gillnets
<i>Hokushin maru</i>	July 11– July 25	40°00' - 47°00'N, 149°00' - 163°00'E excluding Russian EEZ	Abundance of Pacific saury	Gillnets
<i>Hokushin maru</i>	Sept 5 – Nov 3	38°00' - 43°00'N, 142°00' - 149°00'E excluding Russian EEZ	Abundance of pelagic fishes	Gillnets
<i>Daigojyuhachi</i> (58)- <i>Tomi maru</i>	June 20 – Nov 20	30°00' – 50°00'N, 153°00'E – 150°00'W excluding Russian and USA EEZ	Test of technical and commercial fisheries development of midwinter trawl net. Abundance of Pacific pomfret and neon flying squid.	Mid-water trawl