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Seven cruises of Japanese research vessels are scheduled to conduct the following scientific research for pelagic fishes in the North Pacific in 2008/2009 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 2008/2009 fiscal year.

Vessel	Period	Survey area	Research objects	Gear equipped
<i>Oumi maru</i>	May 31(Hachinohe) – July 7 (Honolulu)	30°00'N – 50°00'N, 140°00'E – 160°00'W excluding Russian and USA 200 NMZ	Abundance of Pacific saury	Mid-water trawl
<i>Hokuho maru</i>	June 9 (Hachinohe) – July 18(Hachinohe)	30°00'N – 50°00'N, 14°00'E – 180°00' excluding Russian and USA 200 NMZ	Abundance of Pacific saury	Mid-water trawl Gillnets
<i>Hokuho maru</i>	Sept 26(Hakodate)– Oct 21(Hakodate)	37°00'N – 50°00'N, 140°00'E – 174°00'E excluding Russian and USA 200 NMZ	Abundance of Pelagic fish	Mid-water trawl
<i>Hokushin maru</i>	July 8– July22	40°00' - 47°00'N, 149°00' - 163°00'E excluding Russian 200 NMZ	Abundance of Pacific saury	Gillnets
<i>Koryo Maru No63</i>	May 20–July31	30°00' - 50°00'N, 145°00' E- 180°00' excluding Russian 200 NMZ	Technical experiment for saury fishing	Saury dip-net
<i>Eikyu Maru NO. 1</i>	May 20–July31	30°00' - 50°00'N, 145°00' E- 180°00' excluding Russian 200 NMZ	Technical experiment for saury fishing	Saury dip-net
<i>Tomi Maru No.58</i>	June 2 –September30	30°00' - 50°00'N, 145°00' E- 160°00'W excluding Russian 200 NMZ	Technical experiment for pelagic fishing	Surface and mid-water trawl

Appendix Table. List of Research Vessels (Scheduled for pelagic fishes survey with possibilities of incidental catch of salmon) in North Pacific Ocean for 2008 by Japanese Party

Party	Vessel's Name	Call Sign	Gear Equipped	Other Available Information
FRA Hachinohe	Oumi maru	JMID	Mid-water trawl	INMARSAT telephone: +872-3431-478-40 Length (m): 49.60, Gross Ton: 403
FRA Hachinohe	Hokuho maru	JLRE	Mid-water trawl Gillnets	INMARSAT telephone: +872-3431-028-10, Length (m):63.60, Gross Ton: 664
FRA Yokohama	Hokuho maru	JLRE	Mid-water trawl	INMARSAT telephone: +872-3431-028-10, Length (m):63.60, Gross Ton: 664
Hokkaido Kushiro Fish. Exp. St..	Hokushin maru	7LQV	Gill nets	INMARSAT telephone: +872-6431-610-10, Length (m): 43.81, Gross Ton: 216
FRA (JAMARC) Yokohama	Koryo Maru No. 63	JD2772	Sury dip-net	INMARSAT telephone: +872-7612-405-84, Length (m): 38.1, Gross Ton: 199
FRA (JAMARC) Yokohama	Eikyu maru No. 1	JQTO	Saury dip-nrt	INMARSAT telephone: +872-6431-624-10, Length (m): 35.46, Gross Ton: 184
FRA (JAMARC) Yokohama	Tomi maru No.58	7LGH	Surface and mid- water trawl	INMARSAT telephone: +872-3432-300-10, Length (m): 59.88, Gross Ton: 401