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**Incidental Catches of anadromous fish by Japanese Research  
Vessel in the North Pacific Ocean in 2009**

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Japanese research vessels conducted the scientific fishing operation to assess Pacific saury, and other pelagic fishes using midwater trawls, drift gillnets, and hook-and-lines with possibilities of the incidental catch of anadromous fish in the western and central North Pacific in 2009. During these research surveys, a total of 509 salmonids including 54 chum, 442 pink, 12 coho salmon, and 1 steelhead trout were caught in June-July 2009 (Table 1).

Table 1. Number of incidental catches of anadromous fish during research surveys for pelagic fishes onboard Japanese research vessels in the North Pacific Ocean in 2009. WNP western North Pacific, CNP central North Pacific, and H&L hook-and-line

Research vessel	<i>Oumi maru</i>	<i>Hokuho maru</i>	<i>Hokushin maru</i>	<i>Shunyo maru</i>	<i>63 Koryo maru</i>	<i>1 Eikyu maru</i>
Survey period	June 2 - July 2	June 9 - July 11	July 14 - July 21	July 18 - July 20	July 3 - July 27	June 15 - July 27
Survey area	WNP, CNP	WNP	WNP	WNP	WNP	WNP
Fishing gear	Trawl	Trawl	Gillnet	Trawl, H&L	Dip net	Dip net
Catch						
chum	12	35	1	5	1	0
pink	67	155	116	7	79	18
coho	0	2	10	0	0	0
steelhead	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total	79	193	127	12	80	18