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**Incidental Catches of Anadromous Fish by Japanese
Research Vessels in the North Pacific Ocean in 2010/2011
Fiscal Year**

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Japanese research vessels conducted scientific fishing operations to assess Pacific saury, and other pelagic fishes using midwater trawls, drift gillnets, and saury dip net with possibilities of the incidental catch of anadromous fish in the western and central North Pacific in 2010/2011 fiscal year (Fisheries Research Agency 2010). During these research surveys, a total of 424 salmonids including 41 chum, 376 pink, 5 coho, and 2 chinook salmon were caught in the summer of 2010 and the winter of 2011 (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 2010/2011 fiscal year. WNP western North Pacific, CNP central North Pacific.

Research vessel	<i>Hokuho maru</i>	<i>Hokko maru</i>	<i>Kaiyo maru</i>	<i>Hokushin maru</i>	<i>18 Tenyu maru</i>	<i>63 Koryo maru</i>	<i>1 Eikyu maru</i>
Survey period	Jun. 8 - Jul. 24	Jun. 14 - Jul. 6	Jan. 13 - Feb. 6	Jul. 12 - Jul. 20	May 30 - Jul. 24	Jul. 11 - Jul. 27	Jun. 5 - Jul. 25
Survey area	WNP, CNP	WNP	WNP	WNP	WNP	WNP	WNP
Fishing gear	Trawl	Trawl	Trawl	Gillnet	Dip net	Dip net	Dip net
Catch							
chum	25	0	0	7	3	1	5
pink	249	3	8	49	22	2	43
coho	0	2	0	3	0	0	0
chinook	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	275	5	8	60	25	3	48

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