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Preliminary Commercial Salmon Harvests in 2012 compiled by HNFRI

The commercial catches in coastal and offshore areas of Japan in 2012 totaled 44.1 million fish (128 thousand metric tons), including 40.1 million chum (122 thousand metric tons) and 3.6 million pink (five thousand metric tons) salmon (Tables 1, 2). The catch data were based on Hokkaido National Fisheries Research Institute (HNFRI) data sources. The official specific statistics may be available by the end of March 2014.

Table 1. Preliminary Japanese commercial salmon catch by species by area in thousands of fish in 2012. Catch data were based on HNFRI (FRA) data sources, not official statistics of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan.

Stat.	Area	Total	Sockeye	Chum	Pink	Coho	Chinook	Masu	Steelhead
(1) Coastal									
I Hokkaido									
	Pacific C.	14,852	0	14,368	228	1	3	...	0
	Japan Sea C*.	22,336	0	20,393	1,780	0	0	...	-
II Honshu									
	Pacific C.	4,864	...	4,864	-
	Japan Sea C.	317	...	317	-
(2) Off-shore									
200-mile zone.									
	Pacific	1,729	-	131	1,598	-	-	-	-
	Japan Sea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		44,098	0	40,073	3,606	1	3	...	0

Notes: - = no catch; 0 = less than 500 fish; ...= no data available.

*Including the Okhotsk Sea coast.

Table 2. Preliminary Japanese commercial salmon catch by species by area in tons of fish in 2012. Catch data were based on HNFRI (FRA) data sources, not official statistics of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan.

Stat.	Area	Total	Sockeye	Chum	Pink	Coho	Chinook	Masu	Steelhead
(1) Coastal									
I Hokkaido									
	Pacific C.	43,771	1	43,152	318	2	15	283	0
	Japan Sea C*.	67,430	0	64,592	2,678	0	0	160	-
II Honshu									
	Pacific C.	13,833	...	13,555	4	...	2	272	-
	Japan Sea C.	935	...	907	0	...	0	28	-
(2) Off-shore									
200-mile zone.									
	Pacific	2,172	-	260	1,912	-	-	-	-
	Japan Sea		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		128,141	1	122,466	4,912	2	17	743	0

Notes: - = no catch; 0 = less than 0.5 tons; ...= no data available.

*Including the Okhotsk Sea coast.