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**Cruise Plan of Russian Research Vessel “Professor Levanidov” Involving
Incidental Takes of Anadromous Fish in the North Pacific Ocean in 2018**

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One Russian research vessel is scheduled to conduct epipelagic trawl survey in summer–fall in 2018. R/V “Professor Levanidov” will carry out a summer monitoring survey in the Pacific waters off Kuril Islands in August – September. The primary objectives are to collect biological information on plankton and nekton communities, and describe the physical and biological oceanographic conditions in these regions. The major purpose of these studies is the estimation of Pacific mackerel, Japanese pilchard, mature and immature Pacific salmon and other nekton species abundance and biomass.

LOCATIONS AND PERIOD OF SURVEY

The cruise of research vessel R/V “Professor Levanidov” is planned to conduct its survey in the Okhotsk Sea, Pacific waters of Kuril Islands and out off Russian EEZ for estimation of Pacific mackerel, Japanese pilchard, mature and immature Pacific salmon and other nekton species abundance and biomass in August 2–September 15, 2018 (Fig. 1).

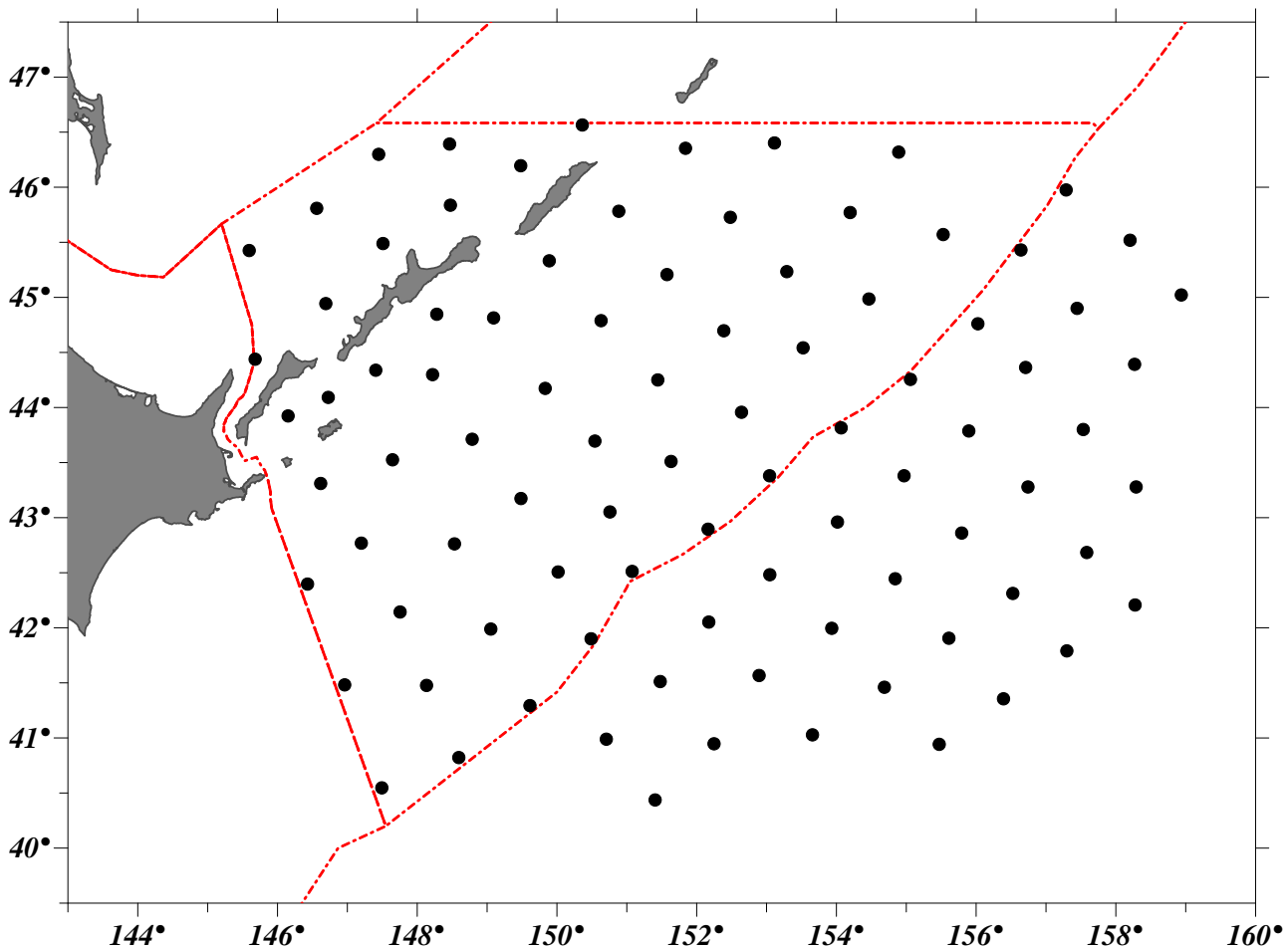


Figure 1. Station locations to be sampled during the comprehensive survey of the upper epipelagic layer in the Pacific waters of Kuril Islands and out off Russian EEZ (August–September)