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After the lapse of a comparatively long time since the end of the Second World War, the operation of the Japanese Northern Pacific Salmon Fisheries is now active again. Lately an extensive survey of fishes around the vast area of the North Pacific Ocean has been undertaken. The survey has yielded splendid collections of salmon together with other kinds of fishes in every season, which are of great interest since the salmonid fishes are one of the most important foods in the commercial fisheries in Japan.

This paper offers a preliminary list of fishes collected by the Kyokkoh Maru of the Oceanic Freezing Co., Ltd., the Chyokoh maru of the Hakodate Open-Sea Fisheries Co., Ltd., and the Takuyoh Maru, a training ship of the Hokkaido Otaru Fisheries High School. The collections were made within the period from May 4 to August 10 of the year 1956. To publish such an incomplete list may not be uncalled for, because knowledge about the fishes from the Northern Pacific Ocean is rather meagre.

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The fishes under examination are listed as follows:

Family Petromyzonidae

Genus Lampetra

* Lampetra japonica (Martens). Nom. Jap., Kawayatsume.

Family Lamnidae

Genus Lamna

* Lamna ditrops Hubbs and Follett. Nom. Jap., Nezumi-zame or Mohka.

Family Carcharhinidae

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Genus Glyphis

* Glyphis glaucus (Linné). Nom. Jap., Yoshikiri-zame.

Family Squalidae

Genus Squalus

* Squalus acanthias Linné.

=S. suckleyi (Girard). Nom. Jap., Aburatsuno-zame or Abura-zame.



Fig. 1. Lepidotus brama (Bonnaterre).

Family Salmonidae

Genus Oncorhynchus

- * Oncorhynchus keta (Walbaum). Nom. Jap., Sake or Shiro.
- * Oncorhynchus nerka (Walbaum). Nom. Jap., Beni-masu or Beni.
- * Oncorhynchus tschawytcha (Walbaum). Nom. Jap., Masunosuke or Suke.
- * Oncorhynchus kisutch (Walbaum). Nom. Jap., Gin-masu or Gin.
- * Oncorhynchus gorbuscha (Walbaum). Nom. Jap., Karafuto-masu or Masu.

Genus Salmo

* Salmo penshinensis Pallas.

Genus Salvelinus

* Salvelinus malma (Walbaum). Nom. Jap., Oshyorokoma.

Family Alepisauridae

Genus Alepisaurus

* Alepisaurus borealis (Gill). Nom. Jap., Mizu-uo.

Family Anotopteridae

Genus Anotopterus

* Anotopterus pharao Zugmayer. Nom. Jap., Mizu-uo-damashi.

Family Scombresocidae

Genus Cololabis

* Cololabis saira (Brevoort). Nom. Jap., Sanma.

Family Lepidotidae

Genus Lepidotus

* Lepidotus brama (Bonnaterre). Nom. Jap., Shimagatuso or Echiopia.

Family Tetragonuridae

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Genus Tetragonurus

* Tetragonurus cuvieri Risso. Nom. Jap., Uroko-ibodai.

Family Hexagrammidae

Genus Pleurogrammus

* Pleurogrammus monopterygius (Pallas). Nom. Jap., Kitano-hokke. Family Acrotidae

Genus Acrotus

* Acrotus willoughbyi Bean.

Family Gadidae

Genus Theragra

* Theragra chalcogramma (Pallas). Nom. Jap., Suketo-dara or Sukeso.

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