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Safety inspections of fisheries products on radioactive materials

The Gunma Prefectural Government implemented inspections of the Japanese smelt sample taken from Sonohara Lake on 27 September to confirm safety. The inspection results provided on 29 September showed that radioactive materials were not detectable.

In response to this, the Gunma Prefectural Government canceled the request to voluntarily refrain from catching Japanese smelt in Sonohara Lake.

1. Inspection area

Sonohara Lake (Numata City)

2. Fisheries products inspected

Japanese smelt (*Hypomesus nipponensis*) (wild)

3. Sampling date

27 September, 2011

4. Date of inspection result

29 September, 2011

5. Summary of the inspection results

Radioactive materials were not detectable in the Japanese smelt sample taken in Sonohara Lake.

6. Condition of Gunma Prefectural Government's request to voluntarily refrain from catching Japanese smelt or to postpone the opening day of fishing season

(1) Lakes for which the request of voluntary ban of fishing season has been canceled

Marunuma Lake (Katashina Village), Akaya Lake, Fujiwara Lake and Okutone Lake (Minakami Town), and Sonohara Lake (Numata City)

(2) Lakes for which the request to postpone the opening day of fishing has been canceled

Paragi Lake (Tsumagoi Village), Umeda Lake (Kiryu City), Ayukawa Lake and Kanna Lake (Fujioka City), Arafune Lake (Shimonita Town), Usui Lake (Annaka City), Oshio Lake and Nyu Lake (Tomioka City), and Kusaki Lake (Midori City)

7. Results of sampling inspection

Analysis facility: Environmental Technical Co., Ltd.

Sampling area	Fish species	Level of radioactive materials (Becquerel/kg)			
		[Detection limit: 50 Becquerel/kg]			
		Radioactive cesium			Radioactive iodine
Cs-134	Cs-137	Total			
Sonohara Lake	Japanese smelt (<i>Hypomesus nipponensis</i>)	Not detectable	Not detectable	Not detectable	Not detectable

* Provisional regulation value for fish

Radioactive cesium (combined value of Cs-134 and Cs-137) : 500 Becquerel/kg

Radioactive iodine: 2000 Becquerel/kg

*Not detectable means that radioactivity is below the detection limit of the detector. The detection limit is 50 Bq/kg for each of cesium-134, 137 and radioactive iodine.