regulating valves so that the detection value obtained by the activity-level detecting part is at least a predetermined standard value.

8. The pretreatment device of seawater according to claim 7,

wherein the activity-level detecting part is configured to detect the activity level on the basis of a difference in oxygen concentration between an inlet section and an outlet section of the at least one filter.

9. A method of pretreating seawater to be supplied to a device for removing salt from the seawater or concentrating the seawater by membrane filtration, with a plurality of filters connected to one another in series from an upstream side in this order and including a particulate filtering material for separating particles and a biofilm formed on a surface of the particulate filtering material, the method comprising:

detecting water quality at an outlet section of at least one of the plurality of filters; and

supplying seawater directly to each of the plurality of filters on the basis of the detected water quality.