

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

January 2003



Monterey

No landings were reported this month.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

Most of the fishing effort occurred at the beginning and end of the month. Landings dropped because of a lack of squid. Landings were small in volume (less than 20 tons), and the squid were of good quality. The demand for squid was high, and the ex-vessel price peaked at \$500/per ton. Pacific mackerel, Pacific sardine, northern anchovy, and kelp were observed as bycatch.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

Squid landings decreased slightly this month with much of the fleet targeting wetfish. The demand for squid was high, but landings were small, averaging 6 tons/vessel. Squid fishing efforts were concentrated around Pt. Fermin, Pt. Vicente, Huntington Beach, and Newport Beach. Squid (approximately 45 tons) was also found at Santa Catalina and Santa Cruz Islands. The ex-vessel price was \$70-460/ton. Pacific mackerel, Pacific sardine, northern anchovy, thornback rays, queenfish, white croaker, speckled sanddabs, lizardfish, barred sand bass, California halibut, California scorpionfish, squid egg cases, sea anemones, eel grass, and kelp were observed as bycatch.

Landings and Sampling Effort at the Monterey, Ventura/Port Hueneme, and San Pedro Port Areas for December*

Port Complex	Tons Landed		Samples Collected	
	2001/02**	2002/03***	2001/02	2002/03
Monterey	0	0	0	0
Ventura/Port Hueneme	2,729	86	13	5
San Pedro	14,434	287	33	21
	17,163	373	46	26

*Month covers January 1-31.

**Landings data are from Dept. of Fish and Game Commercial Fisheries Information System (CFIS) database

***Landings data from preliminary totals based on dockside tally of available landing receipts.