

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

January 2004



Monterey

There were no landings this month.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

The market squid fishery was inconsistent for much of the month, with most processors reluctant to purchase squid because of poor quality. Most of the squid were too small for their markets, averaging 16 or more per/lb. Fishing occurred off Santa Cruz Island and along the mainland coast near Point Dume. The ex-vessel price ranged from \$250-\$400/ton. Pacific sardines, northern anchovy, sole, and sea stars were observed as bycatch.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

Squid landings remained steady throughout the month, but some processors were reluctant to purchase squid because they were small and thin. Squid quality improved near the end of the month, however, but landings remained relatively small, averaging 15 tons. Fishing took place off Pt. Vicente, Pt. Fermin, Huntington Beach, Huntington Flats, Newport Beach, Laguna Beach, Dana Point, Del Mar, La Jolla, Santa Cruz Island, and Santa Catalina Island. The ex-vessel price ranged from \$300-400/ton. Pacific mackerel, Pacific sardines, jack mackerel, northern anchovy, topsmelt, California scorpionfish, butterfish, plainfin midshipmen, lizardfish, shiner perch, sanddabs, a painted greenling, a juvenile bocaccio, salps, bat rays, pelagic stingrays, bat stars, squid egg cases, eelgrass, and kelp were observed as bycatch.

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

Port Complex	Tons Landed		Samples Collected	
	2002/03 **	2003/04 ***	2002/03	2003/04
Monterey	1	0	0	0
Ventura/Port Hueneme	107	984	5	11
San Pedro	309	2,571	21	30
	417	3,555	26	41

*Month covers January 1-31.

**Landings data 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.