

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

January 2005



Monterey

There were no landings of squid reported this month.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

Squid fishing remained steady despite a series of heavy rain storms that occurred early in the month. Fishing took place off Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa Islands. The ex-vessel price ranged from \$300-500/ton. Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, sanddabs, squid egg cases, and kelp fronds were observed as bycatch.

Several processors have complained about the poor quality of squid that some of their vessels have been landing.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

Squid landings were down slightly because of the heavy rains and high swells that occurred early in the month. The large swells made it impossible for boats to land in San Pedro so they were diverted to Ventura. The heavy storms also brought in a lot of debris at the Channel Islands. There were reports of bamboo, branches, and logs getting caught in fishing nets. In addition, fishermen mentioned that the visibility was very limited, and the squid were difficult to locate because of the heavy silt content in the water. By the end of the month, water conditions improved allowing fishermen to increase their landings, with the best fishing occurring during the day.

Fishing took place off Port Hueneme, Point Dume, Santa Monica, Pt. Vicente, Santa Rosa Island, Santa Cruz Island, Anacapa Island, Santa Barbara Island, and Santa Catalina Island. The ex-vessel price ranged from \$500-600/ton. Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, jack mackerel, northern anchovies, bat rays, blue rockfish, and kelp were observed as bycatch.

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

Port Complex	Tons Landed		Samples Collected	
	2003/04**	2004/05***	2003/04	2004/05
San Francisco Bay Area	0	N/A		
Monterey	0	0	0	0
Ventura/Port Hueneme	3,343	3,951	11	5
San Pedro	2,894	1,484	30	7
	6,237	5,435	41	12

*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.