

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

February

Vessels out of San Pedro fished mainly off Santa Catalina, Santa Cruz and Anacapa Islands. One vessel landed squid caught at Huntington Flats. Vessels landing in Port Hueneme and Ventura Harbor fished off Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa and Anacapa Islands.

San Pedro vessels are being paid up to \$300/ton, double what vessels in Ventura Harbor and Port Hueneme are receiving. San Pedro vessels have been employing brail gear which allows them to make smaller landings of better quality squid.

It looks like the squid fishery is winding down the 99/00 season. Three processors in Port Hueneme have stopped accepting squid, and their vessels have switched their focus to sardine or other fisheries. Fishermen report that they have been finding progressively less squid throughout the month. Undoubtedly the three weeks of continual bad weather we experienced had something to do with the poor landings. Most people I speak with sound ready for a break and a return to a normal sleeping schedule.

Monthly Landings and Sampling effort at the San Pedro and Ventura/Port Hueneme port areas February 2000 (Feb 6 - Mar 4)*

San Pedro		Ventura/Port Hueneme		Total
Tons landed	3,758	Tons landed	518	4276
Ave Tons/week	939	Ave Tons/week	129	1,068
# of samples	13	# of samples	18	34

* Monthly reports will cover the first week period (Sunday - Saturday) that begins in the reporting month, and will extend through the last week period of that month, possibly extending into the next month.