

# MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

## February 2003



### Monterey

No landings were reported this month.

### Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

Landings were mostly small in volume (less than 20 tons), and the squid was of good quality. The demand for squid was high, and the ex-vessel price was \$400-\$500/ton. Most fishing occurred off Santa Rosa and Santa Cruz Islands. Squid was also found at Pt. Conception at the beginning of the month. Fishermen reported several instances of sea lions interfering with sets. Pacific sardines and kelp were observed as bycatch.

### San Pedro/Terminal Island

Squid landings remained low this month with much of the fleet targeting wetfish. Landings were small, averaging 7 tons/vessel, but squid quality was good. Most fishing occurred off Pt. Vicente, Pt. Dume, and Santa Catalina Island. A few landings also came from Santa Cruz Island. The ex-vessel price was \$400-500/ton. Pacific mackerel, Pacific sardine, northern anchovy, a Pacific sanddab, a diamond turbot, pompano, a bigmouth sole, bat rays, eel grass, and kelp were observed as bycatch.

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

Port Complex	Tons Landed		Samples Collected	
	2001/02**	2002/03***	2001/02	2002/03
Monterey	170	0	4	0
Ventura/Port Hueneme	2,082	700	22	15
San Pedro	10,922	170	28	12
	13,174	870	54	27

\*Month covers February 1-28.

\*\*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.