

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

February 2005



Monterey

There were no landings of squid reported this month.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

Squid fishing tapered off slightly near the end of the month because of bad weather and squid size. Several captains and dealers commented that the squid were too small; therefore, they decided not increase their fishing effort until a fishing location with larger squid was found. Because of this, several vessels left for Monterey at the end of the month.

Fishing took place mainly off Port Hueneme and Santa Rosa Island. The ex-vessel price ranged between \$350-500/ton. Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, northern anchovy, squid egg cases, red algae, and kelp were observed as bycatch.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

Squid landings remained steady despite the heavy rain storms that occurred near the end of the month. With vessels still battling it out with each other for the most lucrative squid fishing spots at the Channel Islands (Santa Rosa and Santa Cruz Islands), several local fishermen decided to branch out to other areas with less fishing pressure. Some found success around Santa Monica, Manhattan Beach, and Santa Catalina Island, while others found squid at Santa Barbara Island. Of the boats that remained at the islands, reports claimed that some did very well while others did not have much luck. The ex-vessel price ranged from \$400-650/ton. Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, jack mackerel, northern anchovy, jacksmelt, California scorpionfish, staghorn sculpin, a specklefin midshipman, squid egg cases, sheep crabs, rock crabs, slender crabs, lobster tails, sea cucumbers, eel grass, turtle grass, and kelp were observed as bycatch.

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

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	566	3,542	4	12
San Pedro	3,708	1,623	10	12
	4,274	5,165	14	24

*Month covers February 1-28.

**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.