

MONTHLY MARKET SQUID REPORT

February 2009



Monterey

There were no landings of squid reported this month.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

There were 40 landings in February. Fishing took place off Morro Bay, Santa Rosa Island, and Santa Cruz Island. The average weight of sampled squid was 29 g (+/-7 g SD*) and the average mantle length was 114 mm (+/-10 mm SD). The average ex-vessel price was \$684/short ton (\$753/metric ton). Observed incidental catch included Pacific sardine and kelp.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

There were 267 landings in February. There was a tremendous shift in fishing efforts from sardine to squid the last two weeks of the month as squid began to show up in a variety of locations. This shift occurred several days prior to the first sardine allocation closure on February 20, which resulted in approximately 2,000 tons of sardine being left on the table. Thirty two vessels landed 2,639 tons of squid during the third week of February, while forty seven vessels landed 1,750 tons during the fourth week. Some sets were reportedly made during the day. Fishing took place off Santa Monica Bay, Manhattan Beach, Point Vicente, Point Fermin, Long Beach, Huntington Flats, Huntington Beach, La Jolla, San Diego, San Miguel Island, Santa Rosa Island, and Santa Catalina Island. The average weight of sampled squid was 37 g (+/-10 g SD) and the average mantle length was 123 mm (+/-9 mm SD). The average ex-vessel price was \$700/short ton (\$772/metric ton). Observed incidental catch included Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, a large unidentified flat fish, sea stars, a lobster, squid eggs, feather boa kelp, and kelp fronds.

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

Port Complex	Short Tons Landed		Samples Collected	
	2007/08***	2008/09****	2007/08	2008/09
San Francisco Bay Area	0	N/A		
Monterey	0	0	0	0
Ventura/Port Hueneme	1,080	962	4	4
San Pedro	8,720	4,552	12	12
	9,800	5,514	16	16

*Standard Deviation

**Month covers February 1-28; fishing season is from April 1 through March 31 the following year.

***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.