MONTHLY SQUID REPORT March

Vessels landing in Ventura Harbor and Port Hueneme fished off Santa Cruz Island, Santa Rosa Island and Anacapa Island. One vessel landed squid from just north of Santa Monica Bay. Vessels landing in San Pedro fished off Santa Catalina Island, Point Vincente, Newport Beach, Point Dume and Dana Point.

The squid fishery rebounded slightly this month. Just when many were thinking that there would be no spring fishery, the weather finally cleared and the squid returned. Landing tonnages were up from February, and the break in the fishery spurred a price increase as well. Vessels were receiving \$150/ton in late February and early March, but the price rose to \$300/ton by the end of the month. Many vessels which had been tied up or targeting wetfish returned to the squid fishery. Only three of eight squid pumps in Port Hueneme accepted squid this month. One pump which was mounted on a trailer has been removed from the port. Most of the activity in the area shifted to the three pumps in Ventura Harbor.

Monthly Landings and Sampling effort at the San Pedro and Ventura/Port Hueneme port areas March 2000

(Mar 5 - Apr 1)*

San Pedro		Ventura/Port Hueneme		Total
Tons landed	959	Tons landed	977	1,963
Ave Tons/week	239	Ave Tons/week	244	483
# of samples	9	# of samples	20	29

^{*} 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.