

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

March 2003



Monterey

No landings were reported this month.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

The purse seine fleet made many small landings during the first half of the month, averaging less than 10 tons per load. The ex-vessel price, ranging up to \$500/ton, made such small quantities worthwhile to the fishermen. The last two weeks were accompanied by strong offshore winds that prevented all but a few fishing trips to the Channel Islands. Most fishing occurred off the south side of Santa Cruz Island, with some sets also being made off the east end of Santa Rosa Island. Pacific sardine and northern anchovy were observed as bycatch.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

There were three squid landings this month, all occurred during the last week of March. Most of the fleet continued to fish for sardines and Pacific mackerel; however, a few vessels targeted small amounts of squid at Santa Catalina and Santa Cruz Islands. Strong winds during the last half of the month limited both wetfish and squid fishing efforts. The ex-vessel price was \$500-800/ton. No bycatch was observed.

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

Port Complex	Tons Landed		Samples Collected	
	2001/02**	2002/03***	2001/02	2002/03
Monterey	1,008	0	15	0
Ventura/Port Hueneme	1,984	411	15	16
San Pedro	2,123	16	23	2
	5,115	427	53	18

*Month covers March 1 - 31.

**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.