

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

March 2005



Monterey

There were no landings of squid reported this month.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

Squid landings were sporadic this month. Effort was greatly reduced because of small squid size and the growing absence of spawning aggregations. Fishing occurred off Santa Rosa Island. The ex-vessel price was \$500/ton. Pacific sardines, Pacific mackerel, midshipman, squid egg cases, red algae, and kelp were observed as bycatch.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

Squid fishing effort declined this month with the majority of landings occurring during the first week of March. Many fishermen decided to stop fishing for squid to allow the population to replenish itself. Instead, vessels targeted Pacific sardine and mackerel. Fishing occurred off Port Hueneme, Santa Monica, Manhattan Beach, Pt. Vicente, and Santa Catalina Island. The ex-vessel price ranged from \$100-600/ton. There was no observable bycatch.

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

| Port Complex | Tons Landed | | Samples Collected | |
|------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|---------|
| | 2003/04** | 2004/05*** | 2003/04 | 2004/05 |
| San Francisco Bay Area | 0 | N/A | | |
| Monterey | 46 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Ventura/Port Hueneme | 271 | 407 | 0 | 4 |
| San Pedro | 1,874 | 165 | 10 | 7 |
| | 2,191 | 572 | 11 | 24 |

*Month covers March 1-31.

**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.