

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

March 2006



Monterey

There were no squid landings reported this month, but several vessels began looking for squid while targeting wetfish.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

Squid landings decreased considerably this month. Fishing mainly occurred off the west side of Santa Catalina Island, with some squid caught off the northeast corner of Santa Cruz Island early in the month. These squid were small, however, so fishermen returned to Santa Catalina Island. The ex-vessel price was \$500/ton.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

The 2005/2006 season began winding down this month as landings decreased by over 80 percent. A few vessels continued to target squid, but many shifted their focus to sardine and mackerel. Of the squid that were landed, most were very small and emaciated. Weather also played a factor in the decrease of landings as much of March featured stormy conditions and high winds. Fishing occurred off the coastal areas between Pt. Vicente and Dana Point, Santa Catalina Island, and Santa Barbara Island. The ex-vessel price was \$300-500/ton. Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, jack mackerel, northern anchovy, Pacific butterfish, shiner surfperch, pink surfperch, a specklefin midshipman, kelp bass, and squid egg cases were observed as 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	
	2004/05**	2005/06***	2004/05	2005/06
San Francisco Bay Area	0	N/A		
Monterey	0	0	0	0
Ventura/Port Hueneme	175	202	4	0
San Pedro	167	2,372	7	9
	342	2,574	11	9

*Month covers March 1-31; 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.