MONTHLY MARKET SQUID REPORT March 2009



Monterey

Squid finally showed up in Monterey! There were 21 landings in March. Fishing took place off Moss Landing, Monterey, and Carmel. The majority of squid was landed during the third week of the month. The squid reportedly moved out of the bay by the 25th. No landings were observed.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

There were 51 landings in March. Fishing took place off San Pedro, Santa Rosa Island, and Santa Cruz Island. The average weight of sampled squid was 33 g (+/-8 g SD*) and the average mantle length was 117 mm (+/-7 mm SD). The average exvessel price was \$660/short ton (\$727/metric ton). Observed incidental catch included Pacific sardine and kelp.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

There were 60 landings in March. Fishing took place off La Jolla, San Diego, Santa Rosa Island, and Santa Catalina Island. The average weight of sampled squid was 38 g (+/-11 g SD) and the average mantle length was 124 mm (+/-8 mm SD). The average ex-vessel price was \$690/short ton (\$760/metric ton). Observed incidental catch included Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, eel grass, and kelp.

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	597	0	0
Ventura/Port Hueneme	6	965	0	3
San Pedro	2,096	449	5	4
	2,102	2,011	5	7

^{*}Standard Deviation

^{**}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.