

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

April 2004



Monterey

Although squid fishing returned to the Monterey area, only 189 tons were landed during the month. Concern over fishing pressure in District 16 caused the fishermen to hold a meeting to discuss limiting themselves to fishing 12 hours per day. No consensus was met, however, so fishing continued as is. Fishing activity occurred off Pacific Grove and Point Piños during the day and night. Squid size was small, about 14 per pound. The ex-vessel price ranged from \$420-\$500/ton. No bycatch was observed.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

Squid fishing has regained momentum once again in the northern Channel Islands with many sizeable landings in April. Weather was the limiting factor, restricting fishing to only a few days per week. Fishing primarily occurred at the southern sides of Santa Rosa and Santa Cruz islands. Fishing also occurred along the mainland coast near San Augustine's. The ex-vessel price was \$350-400/ton. Top smelt was observed as bycatch.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

Squid fishing slowed considerably with only sixteen landings during the month. Local squid availability was poor so several vessels headed up to the northern Channel Islands, fishing between Santa Cruz and Anacapa islands and at Santa Rosa Island. Fishing also took place off Pt. Dume and Santa Catalina Island. The ex-vessel price ranged from \$350-500/ton. Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, jack mackerel, jacksmelt, California scorpionfish, salps, roughback sculpins, Dungeness crabs, kelp, and eelgrass were observed as bycatch.

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

Port Complex	Tons Landed		Samples Collected	
	2003/04**	2004/05***	2003/04	2004/05
Monterey	2,974	189	27	4
Ventura/Port Hueneme	500	671	12	4
San Pedro	136	167	10	6
	3,610	1,027	49	14

*Month covers April 1-30.

**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.