MONTHLY SQUID REPORT April 2006



Monterey

Fishermen reported seeing signs of squid in the usual spots with some fishing activity occurring off Cannery Row. Southerly weather conditions dominated most of the month, and sea lions also dispersed any harvestable concentrations of squid. Pacific mackerel, squid eggs, and kelp were observed as bycatch.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

Fishermen found squid while searching for sardine around the northern Channel Islands. Three landings were reported from Santa Rosa and Santa Cruz Islands. Squid caught on the north side of Santa Cruz were small - about fifteen to eighteen individuals per pound. The ex-vessel price was \$500/ton.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

Squid landings decreased considerably with only 27 tons landed during the first half of the month. Brail vessels targeted squid off Newport Beach and Santa Catalina Island. The ex-vessel price was \$500/ton. There was no observable bycatch.

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

| Port Complex | Tons Landed | | Samples Collected | |
|------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|---------|
| | 2005/06** | 2006/07*** | 2005/06 | 2006/07 |
| San Francisco Bay Area | 0 | N/A | | |
| Monterey | 0 | 7 | 0 | 1 |
| Ventura/Port Hueneme | 4 | 83 | 0 | 0 |
| San Pedro | 472 | 27 | 9 | 4 |
| | 476 | 117 | 9 | 5 |

^{*}Month covers April 1-30; 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.