

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

MAY 2002



Monterey

The squid fishery remained active throughout the month, but landings decreased slightly from last month (7,735 tons). There were fewer vessels fishing in May, and the sea lions prevented night fishing by breaking up squid concentrations attracted to the lights. Most vessels, therefore, fished during the day. Many vessels also made two deliveries per day. Fishing occurred off Pacific Grove, Cannery Row, Twin Rocks, Davenport, Rocky Point, Yankee Point, Pajaro River, and outside Carmel Bay. The squid caught at Rocky Point was high in quality while the squid from the bay was spawned out and of lower quality. The ex-vessel price ranged from \$200 - 250/ton. Kelp, jellyfish, Pacific electric rays, jack smelt, jack mackerel, Pacific butterfish, squid egg cases, sardines, and young-of-the-year chilipepper rockfish were observed as bycatch.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

After five weeks of no landings, vessels returned to squid fishing with limited success. There were only a few vessels trying off Santa Cruz Island. The squid quality was good. Most vessels have left the area for fisheries up north. The ex-vessel price was \$200/ton. Sardines were observed as bycatch.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

There were three landings this month, all occurring during the last week of May. Only a couple of light boats were looking for squid, mainly around Santa Catalina Island. The purse seine vessels were targeting sardine and mackerel with some squid mixed in with the wetfish. Fishing occurred off Pt. Vicente, Huntington Beach, and Santa Catalina Island. The ex-vessel price ranged from \$70 - 250/ton.

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

Port Complex	Tons Landed		Samples Collected	
	2000/01**	2001/02***	2000/01	2001/02
Monterey	193	6,289	6	29
Ventura/Port Hueneme	3,008	152	25	2
San Pedro	258	8	5	0
	3,459	6,449	36	31

*Month covers May 1 – May 31.

**Landings data are 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.