

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

May 2004



Monterey

Squid landings increased considerably this month with over 1,900 tons landed. Fishing primarily occurred at night and during the morning hours off Pajaro River, Cannery Row, Pacific Grove, and Seaside State Beach. The ex-vessel price was \$420-\$500. Pacific sardine, northern anchovy, jacksmelt, Pacific herring, sanddabs, starry flounder, plainfin midshipman, unspecified turbot, Pacific butterfish, sandsole, Pacific electric rays, Dungeness crabs, rock crabs, squid egg cases, jellyfish, and kelp were observed as bycatch.

With fishing pressure still on their minds, fishermen stayed in a few extra days during the month to allow squid to aggregate and spawn. The Monterey area fishermen also began to lobby for a special time closure of the Cannery Row-Pacific Grove area to allow more spawning activity. Some fishermen want to seek out legislative help while others may comment during the August Fish and Game Commission meeting.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

The market squid fishery at Santa Rosa and Santa Cruz Islands continued through most of the month, with additional sets made off the Gaviota coast and at the Ventura Flats area off Ventura Harbor. By the end of the month, many purse seiners moved north to Morro Bay to fish squid concentrations near Pt. Piedras Blancas. The ex-vessel price ranged between \$350-400/ton. Pacific sardines and jack mackerel were observed as bycatch.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

There were only nine landings reported this month, most occurring within the first week of May. With local squid availability poor, several vessels headed north to the Channel Islands and Monterey. Fishing took place off Carpinteria, Santa Cruz Island, and Santa Catalina Island. The ex-vessel price ranged from \$400-500/ton. Pacific mackerel, Pacific sardine, jack mackerel, northern anchovy, squid egg cases, eelgrass, and kelp were observed as bycatch.

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

Port Complex	Tons Landed		Samples Collected	
	2003/04**	2004/05***	2003/04	2004/05
Monterey	2,044	1,909	13	11
Ventura/Port Hueneme	0	281	0	2
San Pedro	7	121	1	3
	2,051	2,311	14	16

*Month covers May 1-31.

**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.