

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

May 2005



Monterey

Squid fishing resumed this month in Monterey. Fishing activity occurred at dusk or at night off the Monterey Beach Hotel, Cannery Row, and Pacific Grove. The ex-vessel price ranged from \$420-500/ton. Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, northern anchovy, jacksmelt, Pacific electric rays, squid eggs, kelp, and sea stars were observed as bycatch.

Squid size was small. Estimates ranged from 13-16 squid per pound. Many squid displayed signs of spawning activity, and many samples included spent males and females. Squid showed up on the spawning beds in small groups so vessels were only able to set on spots that ranged from 500 pounds to a few tons. Fishermen also reported that the water was too warm; water temperatures ranged from 58-61 degrees near shore. Because of the lack of squid and their small size, the fleet fished 3-4 days per week with vessels on a 10 ton trip limit for most of the month.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

There were no squid landings reported this month. Many of the vessels from Ventura left to fish around Monterey. A few, however, searched for squid around the Channel Islands, but only small and widely scattered amounts were spotted. The dock at Port Hueneme was under repair during the month so the fish markets that offloaded there either left for the season or moved their facilities to Ventura.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

There were no significant landings of squid this month. The fleet targeted wetfish and/or made repairs to their vessels.

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

Port Complex	Tons Landed		Samples Collected	
	2004/05**	2005/06***	2004/05	2005/06
San Francisco Bay Area	0	N/A		
Monterey	2,539	635	11	9
Ventura/Port Hueneme	2,004	0	2	0
San Pedro	121	<1	3	0
	4,664	636	16	9

*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.