

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

JUNE

Monterey

Squid fishing was mostly slow until the last week of the month. In the second half of the month, smaller squid were mixed in with larger squid. The smaller squid were mostly immature females.

Southern California

Vessels landing in Port Hueneme fished off Santa Cruz Island and Santa Rosa Island. Ventura Harbor had no landings. Vessels landing in San Pedro fished off Santa Catalina Island, Point Dume, Santa Rosa Island, Point Vicente, and Oceanside. Most fishermen reported an abundance of squid at Santa Rosa Island and Santa Cruz Island.

Bad weather kept most vessels from fishing for the first week of June. The weather improved for the remainder of June and landings increased dramatically. Squid were landed at three processors in Port Hueneme. Vessels fishing for processors in Port Hueneme had very little competition in recent weeks and most boat captains plan on squid fishing until the season ends. The ex-vessel price was \$200/ton in Port Hueneme.

A San Pedro vessel utilizing brail has been landing very small squid. Fishermen reported on more by-catch showing with the squid. Samplers witnessed anchovy and sardines on several occasions. Fishermen also reported releasing several barracuda per set with a few of these fish making it through the offloading process. There were also reports of white seabass where squid fishing took place.

Monthly Landings and Sampling effort at the Monterey, Ventura/Port Hueneme, and San Pedro port areas

June 2000 (June 4 - July 1)*

Port Complex	Tons Landed	Number of Samples Collected
Monterey	356	not reported
Ventura / Port Hueneme	1,093	17
San Pedro	1,755	21
Totals	3,204	38

* Monthly reports will cover the first week period (Sunday - Saturday) that begins in the reporting month, and will extend through the last week period of that month, possibly extending into the next month.