

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

JUNE 2002



Monterey

The squid fishery remained active throughout the month, but landings decreased as the month progressed. Large swells and wind limited fishing effort. Sea lions also continued to interfere, breaking up squid concentrations and getting caught in sets. Fishing activity, therefore, was limited to the day with a few night attempts by the purse seine vessels. By the end of the month, however, all fishing occurred at night. Many fishermen are now participating in fisheries in Alaska or Oregon. The ex-vessel price ranged from \$200 - 250/ton. Jack smelt, squid eggs, jellyfish, butterfish, kelp, and Pacific electric rays were observed as bycatch.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

Although there were a few landings during the first three weeks of June, over half the total of squid landed for June occurred during the last week of the month. For the first two weeks, fishing took place off the local coastline, Pt. Mugu, and Santa Cruz Island, where patchy schools of squid were reported. Fishing effort then switched to Point Conception where squid quality was very good with many large squid in the mix. The ex-vessel price was \$200/ton. Sardines, Pacific mackerel, anchovies, queenfish, kelp, sea stars, and bat rays were observed as bycatch.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

There were four landings this month, all occurring during the first week of June. Small patches of squid were reported off Santa Catalina Island, where most of the fishing occurred. These small patches, however, disappeared by the middle of the month. One vessel also landed squid from Pt. Mugu. The ex-vessel price was \$250/ton. Sardines were observed as bycatch.

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

Port Complex	Tons Landed		Samples Collected	
	2001/02**	2002/03***	2001/02	2002/03
Monterey	99	3,590	2	21
Ventura/Port Hueneme	2,437	708	19	8
San Pedro	466	19	17	3
	3,002	4,317	38	32

*Month covers June 1 - 30.

**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.