

# MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

## June 2003



### Monterey

Squid landings decreased significantly with only 104 tons landed during the first half of the month. Fishermen reported seeing scattered squid but no sizable concentrations. The low squid volume caused many vessels to leave for home ports or Alaska. Sea lions also continued to be a nuisance, breaking up sets at night and interfering with operations. The ex-vessel price remained at \$500/ton. Squid egg cases, salmon, sanddabs, butterfish, young-of-the-year shortbelly rockfish, unidentified young-of-the-year rockfish, Pacific electric rays, anchovy, jellyfish, night smelt, jacksmelt, bat rays, and sand sole were observed as bycatch.

### Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

No landings were reported this month.

### San Pedro/Terminal Island

Squid fishing activity increased this month; however, landings were small, averaging around 8 tons/vessel. Fishing occurred at the east end of Santa Catalina Island. Several purse seine vessels from Monterey and Ventura arrived late this month to fish for squid locally. The ex-vessel price was \$500-600/ton. Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, northern anchovy, jack mackerel, sanddabs, squid egg cases, juvenile hornyhead turbot, kelp, a purple globe crab, a curlfin sole, and a juvenile octopus 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	
	2002/03**	2003/04***	2002/03	2003/04
Monterey	3,935	104	19	3
Ventura/Port Hueneme	694	0	8	0
San Pedro	32	338	0	21
	4,661	442	27	24

\*Month covers June 1 - 30.

\*\*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.