

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

JULY

Monterey

Vessels landing in this port complex fished near the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Fishing started off slow and the squid were mostly small and pencil-thin. The squid were larger by the second week and fishing effort increased. It was common for many vessels to come back to port with no squid. Most landings were small with an average of 11.2 tons/landing. Ex-vessel price was \$250/ton.

Southern California

Vessels landing in Ventura/Port Hueneme fished off Santa Cruz Island, Santa Rosa Island, San Miguel Island, Point Conception, and Jalama State Beach. Bad weather kept most Ventura/Port Hueneme based vessels from fishing for the first week of July. The weather improved by the second week and landings increased dramatically. This late catch of squid prompted a few boats to return to this fishery from Monterey. Landings steadily declined for the remainder of the month. Many vessel gave up after foul weather and long periods of searching far from port yielded marginal catches. The squid were landed at three processors in Port Hueneme and one in Ventura Harbor. One vessel from Port Hueneme ran aground on an island with minimal damage.

Vessels landing in San Pedro fished off Santa Catalina Island, Santa Barbara Island and its adjacent banks. The fishing was steady with many large catches for most of the month. The last week of this period landings dropped due to lack of local availability. Sardine, Pacific mackerel, and jack mackerel were reported as bycatch.

Monthly Landings and Sampling effort at the Monterey, Ventura/Port Hueneme, and San Pedro port areas July 2000 (July 2 - August 5)*

Port Complex	Tons Landed	Number of Samples Collected
Monterey	416	14
Ventura / Port Hueneme	609	10
San Pedro	1,857	19
Totals	2,882	43

* 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.