

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT JULY 2002



Monterey

Squid landings decreased this month because of a strike during the first two weeks of July. The strike was initiated by the purse seine fleet in order to increase the ex-vessel price from \$250/ton to \$300/ton. The strike lasted 14 days with the fishermen and processors agreeing to an ex-vessel price of \$250/ton. Fishing occurred off Seaside State Beach, Marina Beach, Davenport, Ano Nuevo Pt., Half Moon Bay, and the southern bight of Monterey Bay. Fishing off Davenport was consistent with large loads and good quality squid. Fishing in the bay, however, was highly variable with mostly poor quality, spawned out squid. Fishermen also commented that jellyfish are a problem in the bay, north of Monterey, and up to Ano Nuevo. Pacific electric rays, sardines, anchovies, jellyfish, juvenile yellowtail rockfish, sablefish, and squid egg cases were observed as bycatch.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

Squid landings were sporadic throughout the month. Only a few fishermen were willing to make the sixteen hour round trip to fish the Point Conception area. Most targeted wetfish locally. Squid quality varied from good to poor week to week. The ex-vessel price was \$200/ton. Pacific mackerel, sardines, Pacific butterfish, sanddabs, slender crabs, squid egg cases, and kelp were observed as bycatch.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

There were four landings this month. Squid fishing continued to be sporadic around Santa Catalina Island. Only a couple of vessels set on small clumps of squid while looking for wetfish. Squid quality was good. The ex-vessel price was \$250/ton. Sardines, jack mackerel, anchovies, and kelp were observed as bycatch.

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

Port Complex	Tons Landed		Samples Collected	
	2001/02**	2002/03***	2001/02	2002/03
Monterey	914	1,091	21	9
Ventura/Port Hueneme	1,903	688	20	10
San Pedro	801	60	19	4
	3,618	1,839	60	23

*Month covers July 1 - 31.

**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.