

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

July 2003



Monterey

Squid fishing activity increased slightly this month, but lack of squid and windy conditions north of Pigeon Point hampered fishing efforts for most of July. Fishing occurred day and night off Davenport and 6-10 miles below Half Moon Bay. Many fishermen also returned from fisheries in Alaska, and sea lions continued to be a nuisance at night. The ex-vessel price was \$500/ton. Pacific sardines, northern anchovies, squid egg cases, bocaccio rockfish, king salmon, sanddabs, curlfin turbot, jacksmelt, sculpins, Pacific electric rays, jellyfish, Dungeness crabs, and kelp were observed as bycatch.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

After being absent for the previous two months, the market squid fishery resurfaced in July. The fishery started up during the middle of the month and continued at the slow, irregular pace of one or two landings per day through the end of the month. Initially, fishing occurred off Santa Barbara and Santa Rosa Islands and along the mainland coast between Ormond Beach and Point Mugu. By month's end, all fishing effort shifted far to the north off Point Conception. The ex-vessel price was \$600/ton. Pacific sardines, Pacific butterfish, squid egg cases, and kelp fronds were observed as bycatch.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

Squid landings nearly doubled this month; however, landings continued to be small, averaging around 9 tons/vessel. Day and night fishing occurred at the east end of Santa Catalina Island. Despite the increase in landings, several purse seine vessels from Monterey and Ventura left for their home ports because of slow squid fishing. The ex-vessel price was \$500-600/ton. Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, northern anchovy, jack mackerel, squid egg cases, sanddabs, juvenile bocaccio, pink surfperch, pompano, flying fish, blacksmith, jellyfish, sea stars, sea urchins, a white croaker, an unidentified squid, a barracuda, a California scorpionfish, a pelagic sting ray, eelgrass, 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	
	2002/03**	2003/04***	2002/03	2003/04
Monterey	1,387 [†]	1,080	9	13
Ventura/Port Hueneme	1,151	291	10	7
San Pedro	76	678	7	31
	2,614	2,049	26	51

*Month covers July 1 - 31.

**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.

[†]Includes landings from Half Moon Bay.