

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

July 2005



Monterey

Squid landings continued throughout most of the month. Fishing activity occurred off the Monterey Beach Hotel, Cannery Row, and Pacific Grove. The ex-vessel price was \$500/ton. Northern anchovy, Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, jack smelt, jack mackerel, sanddabs, Pacific electric rays, and kelp were observed as bycatch.

Monterey vessels went on strike the last week of July to get a price increase. Vessel owners were asking for \$600/ton.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

No commercial squid landings were reported this month. Small amounts of squid, however, were caught off of Santa Rosa and Santa Cruz Islands for white seabass bait by hook-and-line sport fishermen. A new pumping arrangement will be constructed at Port Hueneme once repairs to the dock are completed. Instead of activity taking place next to the boats, squid will be pumped to a location near the ice making facility where it will be weighed, iced-down, and loaded for transportation.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

There were four reported landings of squid, all occurring during the last of week of July. Squid were also seen as bycatch in several sardine landings. Fishing took place off Santa Catalina Island. The ex-vessel price was \$500-600/ton. Squid quality was very good with sizes ranging from 17.9 to 64.8 grams. Kelp was observed as bycatch.

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

Port Complex	Tons Landed		Samples Collected	
	2004/05**	2005/06***	2004/05	2005/06
San Francisco Bay Area	0	N/A		
Monterey	703	243	7	8
Ventura/Port Hueneme	558	0	1	0
San Pedro	26	72	2	3
	1,287	315	10	11

*Month covers July 1-31; fishing season is from April 1 through March 31 the following year

**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.