

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

August 2003



Monterey

The squid fishery in Monterey and Moss Landing remained active throughout the month; landings were also reported in San Francisco and Bodega Bay. Fishing mainly occurred around the Half Moon Bay area and Davenport, but by the end of the month, vessels began fishing the Farallons and at Pt. Reyes because warm water temperatures (65 degree SST) were reported near Half Moon Bay. The ex-vessel price was \$500/ton. Squid egg cases, Dungeness crabs, king salmon, sanddabs, jellyfish, and kelp were observed as bycatch.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

There were two squid landings during the first week of August. Fishing occurred along the mainland Santa Barbara County coast off Point Sal and Jalama County Beach. The ex-vessel price was \$600/ton. Squid egg cases were the only observed bycatch. The local docks remained dry for the rest of the month because most of the squid vessels headed either north or south searching for better fishing opportunities.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

Squid fishing was slow this month. Small aggregations of squid were occasionally found off the east end of Santa Catalina Island, but, for the most part, vessels either landed Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, or came in empty. The ex-vessel price was \$600/ton. Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, jack mackerel, crab carapaces, eelgrass, and kelp were observed as bycatch.

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

Port Complex	Tons Landed		Samples Collected	
	2002/03 **	2003/04 ***	2002/03	2003/04
Monterey	3,384	2,409	24	12
Ventura/Port Hueneme	165	11	2	2
San Pedro	0	142	0	3
	3,549	2,562	26	17

*Month covers August 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.