

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

August 2004



Monterey

Squid fishing was limited this month because of warming water temperatures and lack of squid within the Bay. Many fishermen decided to target sardines instead. Those that targeted squid fished north of Santa Cruz between Scotts Creek and Point Año Nuevo. Fishing also occurred off Pacific Grove, Cannery Row, and the Beach Hotel. The ex-vessel price was \$440-500/ton. Pacific mackerel, Pacific sardine, jack mackerel, anchovies, kelp, jacksmelt, shortbelly rockfish, sand sole, sanddabs, squid eggs, bat rays, and jellyfish were observed as bycatch.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

Squid continues to be scarce, with only one landing this month. Fishing occurred along the coast near Port Hueneme. The ex-vessel price was \$450/ton. No bycatch was observed because no samples were collected.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

There were only two landings reported this month, but squid were seen as bycatch in several sardine landings. Although the squid were fairly small, their presence has encouraged some of the captains about the upcoming squid season. Fishing occurred off Santa Catalina Island. The ex-vessel price was \$500/ton. No bycatch was observed because no samples were taken.

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

Port Complex	Tons Landed		Samples Collected	
	2003/04**	2004/05***	2003/04	2004/05
Monterey	3,969 [†]	790	12	8
Ventura/Port Hueneme	10	7	2	0
San Pedro	154	3	3	0
	4,133	800	17	8

*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.

[†]Includes landings from Avila, Morro Bay, San Francisco, and Halfmoon Bay.