

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

August 2005



Monterey

There were 292 tons landed this month with an ex-vessel value of \$440-\$500/ton. Fishing activity occurred off Del Monte Beach, Cannery Row, Pacific Grove, and Carmel Bay. Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, jack mackerel, northern anchovy, sanddabs, squid eggs, and kelp were observed as bycatch.

Many vessel operators noted that the squid were not schooling up. They were finding them in small, loose groups, so vessels had to make many sets to put together a small load. Towards the end of the month, the lack of squid and high fuel prices (\$3.20/gallon) kept boats tied up at the dock.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

No squid landings were reported this month. Small amounts of squid were spotted around Santa Rosa Island, but due to the high price of fuel, many boats were reluctant to search around.

Repairs to the dock at Port Hueneme were completed, but the new pumping arrangement, which has reportedly been planned for the past four years, may not happen after all.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

Squid landings continued through much of August, but landings were small, averaging around 9 tons. Most vessels targeted sardine, mackerel, and/or tuna. Fishing took place off Pt. Fermin and Santa Catalina Island. The ex-vessel price was \$500-600/ton. Jack mackerel, Pacific sanddabs, California scorpionfish, a horn shark, flying fish, bat rays, squid egg cases, sea cucumbers, kelp, and heavy mixes of Pacific sardine and Pacific mackerel were observed as bycatch.

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

Port Complex	Tons Landed		Samples Collected	
	2004/05**	2005/06***	2004/05	2005/06
San Francisco Bay Area	162 [†]	N/A		
Monterey	1,019	292	9	9
Ventura/Port Hueneme	0	0	0	0
San Pedro	33	360	0	9
	1,052	652	9	18

*Month covers August 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.

[†]Includes landings from Halfmoon Bay