

MONTHLY MARKET SQUID REPORT

August 2010



Monterey/Moss Landing

There were 115 landings of market squid in August. Fishing took place off Halfmoon Bay, Pigeon Point, Año Nuevo, Davenport, Watsonville, Moss Landing, and Monterey. The majority of the catches came out of Halfmoon Bay with effort switching to Davenport and Monterey during the last week. Monterey schools were mostly small and broken up with little consistency day to day. Schools fished to the north were more consistent and denser. Additional vessels from southern California also came to the Monterey area to fish squid. The average weight of sampled market squid was 44 g (+/- 15 g SD) and the average mantle length was 128 mm (+/- 13 mm SD). The average ex-vessel price was \$500/short ton (\$550/metric ton). Observed incidental catch included pompano, Pacific sardine, anchovy, Pacific herring, jacksmelt, night smelt, surf smelt, lingcod, staghorn sculpin, starry flounder, sand sole, Pacific sanddab, Pacific electric ray, jellyfish, anemone, sea star, Dungeness crab, red rock crab, graceful crab, ridgeback prawn, coonstriped shrimp, black-spotted bay shrimp, kelp and squid eggs.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

There were 102 landings of market squid in August. Fishing took place off Ventura, Port Hueneme, Point Mugu, Pt. Dume, Santa Rosa Island, Santa Cruz Island and Anacapa Island. The average weight of sampled market squid was 36 g (+/- 12 g SD) and the average mantle length was 123 mm (+/- 11 mm SD). The average ex-vessel price was \$450/short ton (\$496/metric ton). Observed incidental catch included anchovy, unspecified flatfish, unspecified rays and jellyfish.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

There were 52 landings of market squid in August. Fishing took place off Point Dume, Santa Monica, La Jolla, Santa Rosa Island, Santa Barbara Island, Santa Catalina Island and San Clemente Island. Squid fishing was fairly hit or miss this month. Some squid landings were mixed with Pacific sardines, with some landings up to 15% mix. The average weight of sampled squid was 46 g (+/- 12 g SD) and the average mantle length was 133 mm (+/- 8 mm SD). The average ex-vessel price was \$500/short ton (\$550/metric ton). Observed incidental catch included Pacific sardine, jack mackerel, kelp and squid eggs.

Landings and samples from Monterey Bay, Santa Barbara, and San Pedro Port Areas for August**

Port Complex	Short Tons Landed		Season Totals	Samples
	2009/10 ^{***}	2010/11 ^{****}	Short Tons ^{*****}	Collected
			2010/11	2010/11
Monterey/Moss Landing	68	3,811	11,585	12
Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara	196	1,673	2,989	3
San Pedro/Terminal Island	2,774	424	942	10
	3,038	5,908	15,516	25

*Standard Deviation. **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. *****Combination of landings data from preliminary totals from dockside tally of available landing receipts and CFIS.

Statewide Monthly Market Squid Landings by Fishing Seasons

