MONTHLY SQUID REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2002

Monterey

The squid fishery slowed down considerably this month, indicating that the season is coming to an end. Only a few boats continued to target squid. Most stopped fishing or switched over to wetfish. Squid quality declined throughout the month, and some boats released sets due to the high percentage of spent squid. By mid-September, the lack of squid and the weather caused landings to drop to only one or two per week. Fishing occurred off Pigeon Point, Seaside State Beach, Davenport, Rocky Point, and Franklin Point. The ex-vessel price was $250/ton. Squid eggs, salps, Dungeness crabs, jellyfish, herring, jacksmelt, and sauries were observed as bycatch.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

The squid fishery started off slowly this month. Fishing effort remained minimal with only a few boats fishing. Many processors and fishermen expressed optimism about the fall/winter squid fishery at the Channel Islands. There was not much concern over an El Niño effect on the fishery. Many processors were expecting to start offloading vessels in October so they began to prepare for the season. Fishing occurred off Santa Rosa Island and Point Conception. The ex-vessel price was $200/ton. Sardines and Pacific sandabs were observed as bycatch.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

There were no reported squid landings for September. A couple of boats began to look for squid along the coast at the end of the month. They found squid near Pt. Conception and offloaded at Ventura.

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

Port Complex	Tons Landed		Samples Collected	
	2001/02**	2002/03***	2001/02	2002/03
Monterey	2,178	655	28	8
Ventura/Port Hueneme	842	655	9	8
San Pedro	320	0	5	0
	3,340	1,310	42	16

*Month covers September 1-30.
**Landings data are 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.