

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

September 2003



Monterey

Squid landings primarily occurred at Half Moon Bay and in San Francisco; however, high winds slowed down fishing efforts at the Farallon Islands so many boats returned to Moss Landing and Monterey at the end of the month. Besides the Farallon Islands, fishing occurred at Pt Reyes and the coastal areas between Pescadero Pt. and Half Moon Bay. Some fishing effort also occurred in deep water off Del Monte Beach during the last week of September but very little was caught. The ex-vessel price was \$500/ton. Pacific mackerel, jacksmelt, jellyfish, sauries, squid eggs were observed as bycatch.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

The squid fishery was nonexistent until the end of the month when a small number of landings were made. Fishing occurred off Santa Cruz Island and along the mainland Santa Barbara County coast off Point Conception. The ex-vessel price was \$600/ton. Pacific sardines, Pacific mackerel, Pacific butterfish, and kelp strands were observed as bycatch.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

Squid fishing was slow again this month. Small aggregations of squid were found off Santa Catalina Island, but most vessels targeted either Pacific sardine or Pacific mackerel. The red tide, rough weather, and unpredictable water temperatures also kept many boats tied up during the first half of the month. The ex-vessel price was \$300-700/ton. Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, jack mackerel, northern anchovy, California scorpionfish, juvenile bocaccio, hornyhead turbot, longfin and Pacific sanddabs, curlfin turbot, unspecified flatfish, smelts, squid egg cases, crabs, jellyfish, kelp, a sea cucumber, and an octopus were observed as bycatch.

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

Port Complex	Tons Landed		Samples Collected	
	2002/03**	2003/04***	2002/03	2003/04
Monterey	940 [†]	1,848 ^{††}	8	5
Ventura/Port Hueneme	686	105	8	4
San Pedro	7	151	0	16
	1,633	2,104	16	25

*Month covers September 1-30.

**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 Half Moon Bay.

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