

MONTHLY MARKET SQUID REPORT

September 2010



Monterey/Moss Landing

There were 219 landings of market squid in August. Fishing took place just south of Fort Ross, off Franklin Point, Año Nuevo, Davenport, Moss Landing, Sand City, and Monterey. Most of the fishing effort was in Monterey Bay. In the middle of the month the fishery made a switch to day sets. Captains found that the light boats attracted marine mammals which consequently broke up the shoals. Towards the end of the month captains reported that squid were being harvested in deeper water before they reached the spawning grounds. The average weight of sampled market squid was 55 g (+/- 15 g SD*) and the average mantle length was 137 mm (+/- 11 mm SD). The average ex-vessel price was \$500/short ton (\$550/metric ton). Observed incidental catch included Pacific sardine, anchovy, Pacific mackerel, jacksmelt, pompano, blue rock fish, sand sole, Pacific electric ray, jellyfish, Dungeness crab and kelp.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

There were 30 landings of market squid in August. Fishing took place off Port Hueneme, Point Mugu, Santa Rosa Island and Santa Cruz Island. The average ex-vessel price was \$470/short ton (\$518/metric ton).

San Pedro/Terminal Island

There were 64 landings of market squid in August. Fishing took place off Point Mugu, Manhattan Beach, Point Fermin, Long Beach, Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, Oceanside and Santa Catalina Island. Most of the fishing effort was around Santa Catalina Island and the majority of squid was brought in during the last half of the month. The average weight of sampled squid was 42 g (+/- 15 g SD) and the average mantle length was 128 mm (+/- 15 mm SD). The average ex-vessel price was \$500/short ton (\$550/metric ton). Observed incidental catch included Pacific sardine, jack mackerel, Pacific mackerel, California lizardfish, bat rays, kelp and squid eggs.

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

Port Complex	Short Tons Landed		Season Totals Short Tons*****	Samples Collected
	2009/10***	2010/11****	2010/11	2010/11
Monterey/Moss Landing	69	4,277	15,862	10
Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara	8,526	521	3,510	0
San Pedro/Terminal Island	2,537	752	1,694	12
	11,182	5,550	21,066	22

*Standard Deviation. **September 1-30; 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

