

# MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

## October 2001



### Monterey

Squid landings decreased throughout the month; by the last week of October there were no landings reported. Vessels fished in the southern bight of the bay. The ex-vessel price range was \$190-200/ton. Jellyfish, anchovies, sardines, and Pacific mackerel were observed as bycatch. Fishing took place during the daylight hours. Many vessels have moved their operations to the southern California squid fishery or are now targeting wetfish.

### Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

Squid landings were sporadic throughout October. Light boat and seiner owners initiated a strike during the first week of October to drive up the ex-vessel price. This strike lasted ten days. By the middle of the month squid fishing returned to the port complex with a vengeance. Most processors were running at full capacity; processing squid from multiple vessels daily. Vessels fished off Port Hueneme, Santa Cruz Island, and Anacapa Island. The ex-vessel price range was \$150-200/ton. Sardines, anchovies, Pacific butterfish, and juvenile scorpionfish were observed as bycatch. By the last week of October, squid dealers' freezers were full and prices again dropped below \$200/ton. The squid fishermen resumed their strike demanding no less than \$200/ton. No vessels made landings during the last week of October.

### San Pedro/Terminal Island

Squid landings were consistent throughout October. Several light boat and seiner owners participated in a strike during the first week of October. Several others did not participate and made landings during the strike. Landings increased dramatically by the middle of the month. Vessels fished off Point Dume, Point Mugu, Santa Catalina Island, and Anacapa Island. The ex-vessel price range was \$200-250/ton. Sardines, anchovies, jack mackerel, squid egg cases, kelp fronds, juvenile scorpionfish, and Pacific butterfish were observed as bycatch. The squid fleet resumed striking Monday, October 29, to raise the price of squid to at least \$200/ton. Wetfish landings also ceased as captains decided not to fish for any species until their squid price was met. Few vessels made landings during the last week of October.

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

Port Complex	Tons Landed		Samples Collected	
	2000/01**	2001/02***	2000/01	2001/02
Monterey	390	868	3	
Ventura/Port Hueneme	5,666	2,908	32	16
San Pedro	6,364	4,292	3	21
	12,420	8,068	38	

\* Month covers October 1 - October 31.

\*\* Landings data are from Dept. of Fish and Game landings database.

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