

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT NOVEMBER

Monterey

No landings were reported this month. The squid fishery has stopped due to a lack of squid and many fish companies and vessels moved their operations to Ventura or Santa Barbara Counties.

Southern California

The squid fishery in Ventura/Port Hueneme was active for the entire month. Most of the unloading was done by mid-morning at all locations. Fishing took place at Point Dume, Zuma Beach, Point Mugu, Port Hueneme, Gaviota, Point Conception, Anacapa Island, and Santa Cruz Island. The ex-vessel price dropped from \$200/ton to \$150/ton by the middle of the month. One processor utilized an employee to sample squid at the fishing grounds for sex, length, and weight. If the squid in a set does not meet the processors standards, the set is dumped. This is a regular practice and could bias our samples. Tensions were running high at the docks due to the drop in price and crowded fishing grounds. Bycatch included sardine, Pacific mackerel, butterfish, barracuda, and one lobster.

Landings were consistent in San Pedro/Terminal Island. Vessels fished off Point Dume, Point Mugu, Santa Cruz Island, and Santa Catalina Island. The ex vessel price dropped from \$250/ton to \$200/ton by the middle of the month. Sardines were the only noted bycatch.

Monthly Landings and Sampling effort at the Monterey, Ventura/Port Hueneme, and San Pedro port areas November 2000 (November 5 - December 2)*

Port Complex	Tons Landed	Number of Samples Collected
Monterey	not reported	not reported
Ventura / Port Hueneme	9,703	29
San Pedro	10,747	29
Totals	20,450	58

* Monthly reports will cover the first week period (Sunday - Saturday) that begins in the reporting month, and will extend through the last week period of that month, possibly extending into the next month.