

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

November 2001



Monterey

There were no squid landings during November. Most vessels left the area to participate in the southern California squid fishery, or they switched to targeting wetfish.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

On October 29, the squid fishermen initiated another strike to drive up the ex-vessel price from \$100/ton to \$200/ton. As a result of the strike, there were no squid landings during the first week of November. Landings, however, increased dramatically when the strike ended on November 7, with most dealers and vessel owners agreeing to a minimum \$200/ton ex-vessel price. By mid-November, fishermen reported ideal conditions and large quantities of high quality squid. Vessels fished off Port Hueneme, Point Dume, Anacapa Island, and Santa Cruz Island. The ex-vessel price range was \$150 - 200/ton. Sardine, anchovies, Pacific mackerel, and Pacific butterfish were observed as bycatch. During the last week of November, fishermen reported strong north winds and high swells which made squid fishing difficult at times. Market orders, however, remained strong, with most dealers receiving squid daily from multiple boats.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

The squid fleet continued their strike through the first week of November to increase the ex-vessel price of squid from \$150/ton to \$200/ton. Wetfish landings also ceased as captains decided not to fish for any species until their squid price was met. When the strike ended on November 7, squid deliveries resumed, and the markets were flooded as buyers gave orders exclusively for squid. As a result, wetfish landings decreased considerably as squid landings increased weekly. By the end of November, almost every boat in the fleet was landing squid daily. Vessels fished off Point Dume, Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, Santa Catalina Island, and Anacapa Island. The ex-vessel price was \$200/ton. Sardines, Pacific mackerel, anchovies, scorpionfish, smelt, midshipman, bat rays, sea cucumbers, squid egg cases, and kelp fronds were observed as bycatch.

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

Port Complex	Tons Landed		Samples Collected	
	2000/01**	2001/02***	2000/01	2001/02
Monterey	5	0	0	0
Ventura/Port Hueneme	17,141	6,467	33	24
San Pedro	13,305	9,590	29	28
	30,451	16,057	62	52

*Month covers November 1 - November 30.

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

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