

# MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

## NOVEMBER 2002



### Monterey

Squid landings decreased this month with half the landings occurring within the first week. Fishing took place during the day, and sea lions continued to be a problem. Squid landed during the second week of November showed evidence of multiple spawns. Vessels fished off Pacific Grove, Seaside State Beach, Cannery Row, Hurricane Point, and Twin Rocks. The ex-vessel price was \$250-300/ton. Pacific sardines, squid egg cases, jack mackerel, jacksmelt, jellyfish, and kelp were observed as bycatch.

### Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

Squid fishing was consistent for most of the month, interrupted only by the first large storm of the season and the Thanksgiving holiday. Most of the fishing took place off Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa Islands, where large squid of good quality were found. Most landings, however, were small in volume. Fishermen were able to negotiate a raise of \$50/ton at the beginning of November, resulting in an ex-vessel price range of \$200-300/ton for the month. Pacific sardines, squid egg cases, kelp fronds, eel grass, and anchovies were observed as bycatch.

### San Pedro/Terminal Island

The squid fishery remained active throughout the month. Squid quality was good, but landings were relatively small. Most vessels fished off Santa Rosa and Santa Cruz Islands, which caused some fishermen to comment that there were too many squid boats concentrated in one small fishing area. Fishermen also reported an abundance of squid around the Channel Islands; however, the squid were not attracted to the lights and were too deep for the nets. A few vessels also fished off Catalina Island, Dana Point, and Oceanside. The ex-vessel price was \$200-300/ton. Pacific sardines, Pacific mackerel, jack mackerel, squid egg cases, kelp, barnacles, sea stars, salps, eel grass, sea anemones, California scorpionfish, rock crabs, a bat ray, red algae, rocks, a pithead sculpin, a diamond turbot, a sanddab, a thornback ray, a bigmouth sole, a curlfin turbot, and a mussel were observed as bycatch. Several exploded seal bombs were also observed in one of the squid landings.

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

| Port Complex         | Tons Landed |            | Samples Collected |         |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|---------|
|                      | 2001/02**   | 2002/03*** | 2001/02           | 2002/03 |
| Monterey             | 0           | 877        | 0                 | 3       |
| Ventura/Port Hueneme | 8,937       | 2,212      | 24                | 22      |
| San Pedro            | 10,687      | 827        | 28                | 20      |
|                      | 19,624      | 3,916      | 52                | 45      |

\*Month covers November 1-30.

\*\*Landings data are 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.