

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

November 2004



Monterey

There were no landings of squid reported this month. Several local vessels left the Monterey area to fish for squid at the Channel Islands.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

Squid fishing was productive throughout the month, although large landings were the exception. Fishing occurred off Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa Islands. The ex-vessel price ranged from \$450-\$550/ton. Pacific sardines and Pacific mackerel were observed as bycatch.

Several vessel captains complained that there were too many vessels fishing in a limited area; this led to escalating verbal confrontations amongst the squid vessel crews as they jockeyed to set on small concentrations of squid.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

There were thirty-one landings this month. Fishing took place off Point Dume, Port Hueneme, Santa Cruz Island, Santa Rosa Island, and Anacapa Island. The ex-vessel price ranged from \$500-600/ton. Pacific mackerel, Pacific sardine, speckled sanddabs, honeyhead turbot, kelp, and squid egg cases were observed as bycatch.

Many local vessels headed up to the Channel Islands early in the month to fish for squid. Weather hampered their efforts somewhat; however, some good spots were found, which some light boats sat on for days at a time. A few vessels came down to San Pedro or Terminal Island to deliver their squid for a slightly higher price, but most offloaded in Ventura and Port Hueneme.

Landings and Sampling Effort at San Francisco Bay, Monterey, Ventura/Port Hueneme, and San Pedro Port Areas for November.

Port Complex	Tons Landed		Samples Collected	
	2003/04**	2004/05***	2003/04	2004/05
San Francisco Bay Area	0	N/A		
Monterey	4,017	0	5	0
Ventura/Port Hueneme	9,306	3,588	21	3
San Pedro	1,820	820	25	10
	15,143	4,408	51	13

*Month covers November 1-30.

**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.