MONTHLY SQUID REPORT
November 2005

Monterey

There were no landings of squid reported this month.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

Squid landings at Ventura Harbor and Port Hueneme resumed this month, but many vessels stayed further south to fish around Santa Catalina Island. Fishing took place off the north side of Santa Cruz Island, Point Mugu, and Hueneme Canyon. Reports indicated that there were approximately eight to ten squid per pound. The ex-vessel price ranged from $450-550/ton. Pacific mackerel, Pacific sardine, northern anchovy, and kelp were all observed as bycatch.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

Squid landings increased this month by over 2,000 tons, with 37 percent of the monthly total landed during the last three days of November. Load sizes varied considerably, ranging from one to 60 tons with an average of 16 tons. Squid were well developed and of good quality. The ex-vessel price ranged from $500-600/ton. Pacific mackerel, Pacific sardine, jack mackerel, northern anchovy, and kelp were observed as bycatch.

To help alleviate some of the fishing pressure at Santa Catalina Island, a few vessels began looking for squid in alternative locations. A few caught squid around Santa Monica Bay, Manhattan Beach, Pt. Vicente, Pt. Fermin, Huntington Flats, and Santa Cruz Island; however, most vessels still concentrated their fishing efforts around Santa Catalina Island.

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	
	2004/05**	2005/06***	2004/05	2005/06
San Francisco Bay Area	0	N/A		
Monterey	31	0	0	0
Ventura/Port Hueneme	6,190	1,681	3	10
San Pedro	829	5,788	10	12
	7,050	7,469	13	22

*Month covers November 1-30; fishing season is from April 1 through March 31 the following year
**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.