

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

NOVEMBER

Most of the vessels which landed in the San Pedro area were fishing off Santa Catalina Island, Santa Barbara Island, Anacapa Island, Santa Cruz Island, Point Mugu, Point Fermin, or Point Dume. The majority of the vessels, which landed in the Ventura/Port Hueneme area, were fishing off Santa Cruz Island.

The ex-vessel price in San Pedro was consistently between \$200 and \$250/ton. The ex-vessel price in Ventura/Port Hueneme remained at \$200/ton for the entire month.

Many processors continued to set 25 - 40 ton landing limits on the vessels, due to the "flooded" market.

The processors in the Ventura/Port Hueneme area were complaining about small and/or spent squid caught off Santa Cruz Island near the end of the month. One processors stopped buying squid all together until the quality increases.

The water quality in Port Hueneme become a major issue among the pump operators. At least two processors have received citations from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board. One fish company has installed a \$4,000 tank to hold water pumped from the holds of the squid vessels so it can be returned to the boats and later dumped outside the harbor.

Voluntary squid vessel logbooks were passed out in both port areas. Most of the fishermen have been receptive to the voluntary logbook program, while a few have had their reservations.

There has been concern around the docks about the potential closures of Santa Barbara Island and Anacapa Island, caused by the impact of squid vessel lights on listed bird species. Fishermen have been organizing and trying to appoint representatives to attend upcoming Fish & Game meetings discussing this issue.

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Monthly Landings and Sampling effort at the San Pedro and Ventura/Port Hueneme port areas November 1999 (Nov 7 - Dec 04)*

San Pedro		Ventura/Port Hueneme		Total
Tons landed	5,939	Tons landed	8,097	14,036
Ave Tons/week	1,485	Ave Tons/week	2,024	3,509
# of landings	151	# of landings	291	442
# of samples	29	# of samples	31	60

* 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.

