

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT DECEMBER

Monterey

No landings were reported this month. The squid fishery is over and many fish companies and vessels moved their operations to Ventura or Santa Barbara Counties.

Ventura/Port Hueneme

The squid fishery in Ventura/Port Hueneme was active for the entire month except for a brief slow down near the holidays. Vessels fished off Point Dume, Point Mugu, Anacapa Island, and Santa Cruz Island. The ex-vessel price remained at \$150/ton for the entire month. Observed bycatch included Pacific mackerel, anchovy, sardine, and butterfish.

Many captains reported abundant squid at all locations. Several vessels had success with daytime sets, allowing some processors to finish offloading by midnight. Fishermen and processors commented on the unusually small squid landed for most of the month.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

The squid fishery in San Pedro/Terminal Island was active for the entire month except for a brief slow down near the holidays. Vessels fished off Santa Catalina Island, Point Dume, Point Mugu, Huntington Flats, Newport Beach, and San Onofre. The ex-vessel price was mostly \$200/ton, with one dealer paying \$250/ton at the beginning of the month. Observed bycatch included sardine.

Some dealers complained that the quality of squid declined and many boats landed spent squid. Fishermen reported plenty of squid were available, but, there were complaints of too many boats in the fishery and not enough market orders.

Monthly Landings and Sampling effort at the Monterey, Ventura/Port Hueneme, and San Pedro port areas December 2000 (December 3 - December 31)*

Port Complex	Tons Landed	Number of Samples Collected
Monterey	0	0
Ventura / Port Hueneme	9,880	27
San Pedro	9,648	27
Totals	19,528	54

* 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.