

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

December 2001



Monterey

There were no squid landings during December.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

Squid landings decreased significantly this month because of poor quality and rough weather. Squid quality from all catch locations was poor throughout the month. Better quality squid was landed, however, during the third week of December, but windy conditions mixed with large swells prevented many boats from fishing. Fishermen, also, reported patchy squid distributions around the Channel Islands, and market orders decreased. There were no landings during the last week of December because of the holiday and large swells. The ex-vessel price was \$150-200/ton. Vessels fished off Point Dume, Santa Cruz Island, Anacapa Island, Santa Rosa Island, and Santa Catalina Island. Pacific mackerel, anchovies, sardines, bat rays, and an armored box crab were observed as bycatch.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

Squid landings were strong throughout much of December but decreased during the last week of the month because of the holiday. Many fishermen believe that the squid season will come to a close early this season because the squid have been small and of poor quality. Although most markets have not had any problems selling their squid, orders have begun to decrease. One market noted that the decrease in orders may be because the Chinese buyers are waiting until after the new year to see if squid prices drop due to the decrease in their import tariff. The ex-vessel price was \$140-200/ton. Vessels fished off Pt. Vicente, Huntington Flats, Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, 14 Mile Bank, Santa Barbara Island, Santa Catalina Island, and San Clemente Island. Pacific mackerel, jack mackerel, anchovies, sardine, kelp fronds, bat rays, squid egg cases, and a pelagic stingray were observed as bycatch.

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

Port Complex	Tons Landed		Samples Collected	
	2000/01**	2001/02***	2000/01	2001/02
Monterey	0	0	0	0
Ventura/Port Hueneme	18,905	1,791	28	17
San Pedro	11,075	9,071	27	29
	29,980	10,862	55	46

*Month covers December 1 - December 31.

**Landings data are from Dept. of Fish and Game landings database

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