

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT DECEMBER 2002



Monterey

No landings were reported this month.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

Most of the fishing effort took place during the first two weeks of the month. Landings dropped during the second half of the month because of several storms and the holidays. Most landings were small in volume (less than 20 tons), and the squid were of good quality. Several captains described fishing as spotty. Fishing took place off Point Conception, Santa Cruz Island, and Santa Rosa Island. The ex-vessel price was \$250-350/ton. Pacific mackerel, Pacific sardine, squid egg cases, Pacific sanddabs, bat rays, and kelp fronds were observed as bycatch.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

Squid landings decreased this month. Poor weather and the holidays kept most boats in port during the last two weeks of December. Fishing efforts, however, picked up a couple of days before the New Year with several boats finding squid near Pt. Vicente, Huntington Beach, and Newport Beach. Fishing around Pt Hueneme and Santa Rosa and Santa Cruz Islands produced very little squid. Water temperatures were between 58-60°F, and efforts during the day produced sets that were very small and mixed with sardine. Some fishing also occurred at the east end of Santa Catalina Island where the squid were large and averaged seven squid per pound. The ex-vessel price was \$300-350/ton. Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, northern anchovy, juvenile jack mackerel, squid egg cases, flatfish, and kelp 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 | |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|---------|
| | 2001/02** | 2002/03*** | 2001/02 | 2002/03 |
| Monterey | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ventura/Port Hueneme | 3,063 | 3,038 | 17 | 18 |
| San Pedro | 11,881 | 366 | 29 | 14 |
| | 14,944 | 3,404 | 46 | 32 |

*Month covers December 1-31.

**Landings data are 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.