

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

December 2003



Monterey

There were no landings this month.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

Squid fishing was productive throughout most of the month, but fishing effort decreased at the end of the month because of poor fishing conditions and the holidays. Fishing took place off Santa Cruz Island and along the mainland coast off Gaviota, Point Mugu, and Point Dume. A few of the squid vessels made daytime sets off Gaviota. The ex-vessel price ranged from \$350-\$600/ton. Pacific sardines, Pacific mackerel, jack mackerel, squid egg cases, sea stars, and kelp strands were observed as bycatch.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

Squid landings remained steady throughout the month; however, fishing effort did slow down near the end of the month because of poor weather and the holidays. During mid-December, squid ex-vessel prices dropped from \$500-600/ton to \$300-400/ton. Some fishermen chose to strike, but others kept fishing for the reduced price. Fishing took place off Port Hueneme, Pt. Mugu, Pt. Dume, Pt. Vicente, Pt. Fermin, Huntington Beach, Santa Cruz Island, between Santa Rosa and San Miguel Islands, between Santa Rosa and Santa Cruz Islands, and Santa Catalina Island. Squid quality was mostly poor with squid being thin and flimsy. Pacific mackerel, Pacific sardines, northern anchovy, silversides, midshipman, a poacher, an olive rockfish, a surfperch, California scorpionfish, butterfish, fantail soles, hornyhead turbot, longfin sanddabs, Pacific sanddabs, unidentified sanddabs, horn sharks, large pelagic stingrays, bat rays, thornback rays, sheep crabs, unidentified crabs, sea cucumbers, squid egg cases, eelgrass, 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	
	2002/03**	2003/04***	2002/03	2003/04
Monterey	0	0	0	0
Ventura/Port Hueneme	3,218	5,807	18	15
San Pedro	448	3,757	14	29
	3,666	9,564	32	44

*Month covers December 1-31.

**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.