

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

December 2004



Monterey

There were no landings of squid reported this month.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

Squid fishing was productive throughout the month. Fishing occurred off Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa Islands. The ex-vessel price remained steady at \$450-550/ton. Pacific mackerel and Pacific sardines were observed as bycatch.

One squid vessel capsized for unknown reasons in the Santa Barbara Channel. The captain and crew members were quickly rescued, due to the rapid response of several other squid vessels and the Coast Guard, and no major injuries were sustained.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

Squid fishing nearly tripled this month, with 80 landings compared to 31 in November. Fishing took place off Port Hueneme, Point Dume, Santa Monica, Pt. Vicente, Newport Beach, Dana Point, Santa Cruz Island, and Santa Catalina Island. The ex-vessel price ranged from \$500-750/ton. Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, jack mackerel, Pacific butterfish, Pacific sanddabs, and kelp were observed as bycatch.

Overcrowding continued at Santa Cruz Island. Several fishermen complained that it was difficult to secure a spot around the island and fishing was spotty at best. Markets were also less inclined to accept squid from Santa Cruz Island because they did not want the hassle of sorting through the large amounts of mackerel bycatch. Because of this, several vessels returned to San Pedro to search for squid locally.

Landings and Sampling Effort at San Francisco Bay, Monterey, Ventura/Port Hueneme, and San Pedro Port Areas for December.

Port Complex	Tons Landed		Samples Collected	
	2003/04**	2004/05***	2003/04	2004/05
San Francisco Bay Area	0	N/A		
Monterey	0	0	0	0
Ventura/Port Hueneme	7,213	3,787	15	7
San Pedro	3,876	1,605	29	12
	11,089	5,392	44	19

*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.