

MONTHLY SQUID REPORT

December 2005



Monterey

There were no squid landings reported this month.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

Squid landings at Ventura Harbor and Port Hueneme continued this month. Fishing took place off the coast between Port Hueneme and Malibu and on the north and south sides of Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa Islands. The ex-vessel price ranged from \$500-600/ton. Pacific mackerel, Pacific sardine, squid egg cases, top smelt, jelly fish, and bat rays were all observed as bycatch.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

Squid continued to be a hot commodity this month with over 15,000 tons landed. Purse seine vessels and light boats from Monterey and Ventura began showing up making the San Pedro and Terminal Island docks a bustle of constant activity. Landings averaged around 25 tons. Most fishing occurred around Santa Catalina Island, but a few fishermen found squid off Santa Monica, Pt. Vicente, Pt. Fermin, Long Beach, Huntington Flats, Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, San Onofre, and Santa Cruz Island. The ex-vessel price ranged from \$500-600/ton. Pacific mackerel, Pacific sardine, jack mackerel, northern anchovy, pompano, sea cucumbers, and kelp were observed as bycatch.

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	
	2004/05**	2005/06***	2004/05	2005/06
San Francisco Bay Area	0	N/A		
Monterey	0	0	0	0
Ventura/Port Hueneme	8,806	2,631	7	11
San Pedro	1,721	15,607	12	12
	10,527	18,238	19	23

*Month covers December 1-31; fishing season is from April 1 through March 31 the following year.

**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.