

MONTHLY MARKET SQUID REPORT

December 2008



Monterey

There were no landings of squid reported this month.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

There were 110 landings in December. Strong winds and rough seas affected fishing efforts again this month. Fishing took place off Santa Rosa Island and Santa Cruz Island. The average weight of sampled squid was 34 g (+/-9 g SD*) and the average mantle length was 121 mm (+/-11 mm SD). The average ex-vessel price was \$680/short ton (\$749/metric ton). Observed incidental catch included Pacific sardine.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

There were 42 landings in December. Squid finally made an appearance along the coast and Santa Catalina Island during the later part of the month. Fishing took place off Point Fermin, Long Beach, Huntington Beach, Santa Rosa Island, Santa Cruz Island, Anacapa Island, and Santa Catalina Island. The average weight of sampled squid was 48 g (+/-11 g SD) and the average mantle length was 135 mm (+/-10 mm SD). The average ex-vessel price was \$700/short ton (\$772/metric ton). Observed incidental catch included Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, jack mackerel, hornyhead turbot, midshipmen, unidentified rays, rock crabs, slender crabs, and squid egg cases.

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

Port Complex	Short Tons Landed		Samples Collected	
	2007/08***	2008/09****	2007/08	2008/09
San Francisco Bay Area	0	N/A		
Monterey	0	0	0	0
Ventura/Port Hueneme	10,474	2,189	7	5
San Pedro	3,763	499	12	5
	14,237	2,688	19	10

*Standard Deviation

**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.