MONTHLY MARKET SQUID REPORT December 2009



Monterey/Moss Landing

There were no landings of market squid reported this month.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

There were 375 landings in December. Fishing occurred primarily along the coast near Malibu, supplying about 50% by weight of all the squid caught in December. Fishing also occurred around Santa Cruz Island, Anacapa Island, and off the coast of Port Hueneme. 40% by weight of all squid was landed during the first four days of the month. The dealers took a break from 12-22 to 12-31, during which time there were no squid landings. The average weight of sampled squid was 35 g (+/- 10 g SD) and the average mantle length was 123 mm (+/- 12 mm SD). The average ex-vessel price was \$488/short ton (\$538/metric ton). Observed incidental catch included Pacific sardine and Pacific mackerel.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

There were 298 landings in December. Fishing took place off Carpinteria, Pt. Mugu, Pt. Dume, Pt. Vicente, Pt. Fermin, Huntington Flats, Huntington Beach, Santa Catalina Channel, 14 mile bank, Santa Cruz Island, and Santa Catalina Island. The average weight of sampled squid was 39 g (+/- 12 g SD) and the average mantle length was 131 mm (+/- 11 mm SD). The average ex-vessel price was \$500/short ton (\$551/metric ton). Observed incidental catch included Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, topsmelt, Pacific electric rays, squid egg cases, and kelp.

Landings and samples from Monterey Bay, Santa Barbara, and San Pedro Port Areas for December**

Port Complex	Short Tons Landed		Samples Collected	
	2008/09***	2009/10****	2008/09	2009/10
Monterey/Moss Landing	0	0	0	0
Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara	7,002	11,834	5	2
San Pedro/Terminal Island	595	6,916	5	12
	7,597	18,750	10	14

^{*}Standard Deviation. **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.

Monthly Market Squid Landings by Fishing Seasons

