

MONTHLY MARKET SQUID REPORT

June 2011



Monterey/Moss Landing

There were 118 landings of market squid in June. Fishing took place off Seaside, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Soberanes Point, and Point Sur. Throughout the month squid schools were small, spread out, and deep. Large swells and strong winds also hampered fishing efforts for several weeks toward the end of the month. Captains reported large amounts of krill and sardine in Monterey Bay. Given that squid fishing was so scratchy, many captains stopped fishing and began preparations for the second sardine allocation set to open on July 1, since there were plenty of sardines, roughly 90 g in size, reported in the Bay. The average weight of sampled squid was 60 g (+/- 18 g SD*) and the average mantle length was 141 mm (+/- 14 mm SD). The average ex-vessel price was \$500/short ton (\$550/metric ton). Observed incidental catch included Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, jacksmelt, bocaccio, sole, Pacific sanddabs, jellyfish, Dungeness crab, sea stars, squid egg cases, and kelp.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

There were 32 landings of market squid in June. Fishing took place off Ventura, Port Hueneme, Santa Rosa Island, and Santa Cruz Island. The average weight of sampled squid was 35 g (+/- 11 g SD) and the average mantle length was 118 mm (+/- 11 mm SD). The average ex-vessel price was \$450/short ton (\$596/metric ton). Observed incidental catch included Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, Pacific butterfish, CA barracuda, CA lizardfish, Pacific and longfin sanddabs, longspine combfish, unidentified crabs and crab claws, jellyfish, octopus, a CA sea hare, squid egg cases, and kelp.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

There were 19 landings of market squid in June. Fishing took place off Pt. Fermin, Huntington Beach, Del Mar, Santa Catalina Island, San Clemente Island, and the 43 fathom spot. High winds and surf started the month off hampering fishing efforts. Some vessels from the southern fleet remained up in Monterey for at least the first few weeks of the month to fish squid. By mid-month squid landings had begun in Los Angeles and Ventura. Many captains took this time to change out their nets and make repairs in preparation for the second sardine allocation. The average weight of sampled squid was 44 g (+/- 10 g SD) and the average mantle length was 131 mm (+/- 9 mm SD). The average ex-vessel price was \$500/short ton (\$550/metric ton). Observed incidental catch included Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, and jack mackerel.

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

Port Complex	Short Tons Landed		Season Totals Short Tons*****	Samples Collected
	2010/11***	2011/12****	2011/12	2011/12
Monterey/Moss Landing	0	2,524	6,439	8
Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara	0	243	890	2
San Pedro/Terminal Island	23	468	632	1
	23	3,235	7,961	11

*Standard Deviation. **June 1-3; 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. *****Combination of landings data from preliminary totals from dockside tally of available landing receipts and CFIS.

Statewide Monthly Market Squid Landings by Fishing Seasons

