# MONTHLY MARKET SQUID REPORT May 2011



### **Monterey/Moss Landing**

There were 200 landings of market squid in May. Fishing took place off Watsonville, Moss Landing, Seaside, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Point Sur, and Lopez Point. The first landings after the strike occurred on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Many vessels from other ports came to Monterey for the fishery, with 29 vessels making landings throughout the month. All fishing effort occurred during the day, and the majority was focused in Pacific Grove and Monterey. The schools were reportedly hanging deep, only coming up to fishable depths briefly. Overall, the fishing was spotty and many sets contained juvenile squid. The average weight of sampled squid was 66 g (+/- 18 g SD\*) and the average mantle length was 143 mm (+/- 13 mm SD). The average ex-vessel price was \$500/short ton (\$550/metric ton). Observed incidental catch included Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, jellyfish, and kelp.

#### Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

There were 12 landings of market squid in May. Fishing took place off Pt. Arguello, Gaviota, Santa Rosa Island, Santa Cruz Island, and Santa Catalina Island. The average ex-vessel price was \$480/short ton (\$529/metric ton).

#### San Pedro/Terminal Island

There were 3 landings of market squid in May. Fishing took place off Santa Cruz Island. Some vessels from the southern fleet went up to Monterey to fish. Heavy fishing pressure and bad weather led some of the vessels to come back down south. Vessels were also reportedly checking around the northern Channel Islands when weather permitted. The average weight of sampled squid was 45 g (+/- 13 g SD) and the average mantle length was 133 mm (+/- 13 mm SD). The average ex-vessel price was \$500/short ton (\$550/metric ton). There was no incidental catch observed.

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

Port Complex	Short Tons Landed		Season Totals Short Tons*****	Samples Collected
r oit Complex	2010/11***	2011/12****	2011/12	2011/12
Monterey/Moss Landing	1,544	4,009	4,226	4
Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara	0	565	565	0
San Pedro/Terminal Island	0	164	164	1
	1,544	4,738	4,955	5

<sup>\*</sup>Standard Deviation. \*\*Mayl 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. \*\*\*\*\*Combination of landings data from preliminary totals from dockside tally of available landing receipts and CFIS.

## **Statewide Monthly Market Squid Landings by Fishing Seasons**

