# MONTHLY MARKET SQUID REPORT September 2011



### Monterey/Moss Landing

There were 70 landings of market squid in September. Fishing took place off Davenport, Santa Cruz, Capitola, Watsonville, Moss Landing, Marina, Seaside, Monterey, Soberanes Point, and Point Sur. Captains reported that squid schools were small, and spread out. The third allocation of sardine opened on the 15<sup>th</sup> but captains reportedly looked for squid before fishing for sardine. Since squid was not present during this time it did not impact the total amount of squid landed. Due to the spotty nature of squid schools in the Bay, some vessels headed south. Most captains were planning on leaving for southern California by the end of the month, however, rough sea conditions postponed vessels from making the journey. The average ex-vessel price was \$500/short ton (\$550/metric ton). Observed incidental catch included Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, anchovy, pompano, white croaker, shiner surfpperch, staghorn sculpin, Pacific sanddab, horneyhead turbot, sand sole, octopus, Dungeness crab, squid egg cases, sea urchin, sea star, jellyfish, and kelp.

#### Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

There were 90 landings of market squid in September. Fishing took place off Santa Barbara, Ventura, Port Hueneme, Point Dume, Point Mugu, and Anacapa Island. The average ex-vessel price was \$469/short ton (\$517/metric ton).

#### San Pedro/Terminal Island

There were 195 landings of market squid in September. Fishing took place off Point Mugu, Point Dume, Santa Monica Bay, Manhattan Beach, Huntington Flats, Del Mar, Anacapa Island, Santa Catalina Island, and San Clemente Island. Squid fishing was consistent this month, even with the third allocation of sardine which opened on the 15<sup>th</sup> and quickly closed on the 21<sup>st</sup>. The average ex-vessel price was \$500/short ton (\$550/metric ton). Observed incidental catch included Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, jack mackerel, Humboldt squid, lizardfish, unidentified crabs, horse mussels, squid egg cases, unidentified red algae, and kelp fronds.

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

Port Complex	Short Tons Landed in September		Season Totals Short Tons*****	Samples Collected
·	2010/11***	2011/12***	2011/12	2011/12
Monterey/Moss Landing	4.639	2,296	13,806	10
Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara	991	2,806	6,159	0
San Pedro/Terminal Island	835	4,993	12,217	12
	6,465	10,095	32,182	22

\*Standard Deviation. \*\*September 1-30; 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**

