

MONTHLY MARKET SQUID REPORT October 2011



Monterey/Moss Landing

There were 19 landings of market squid in October. Fishing took place off Cordell Bank, Año Nuevo, Davenport, Watsonville, Monterey, and Soberanes Point. Landings slowed down this month as many vessels headed to southern California squid grounds. A series of weather systems and unfavorable sea conditions kept some vessels in Monterey, but by the end of the month all Monterey Port Complex vessels were in Southern California. Landed squid were mixed in size and quality. The average ex-vessel price was \$500/short ton (\$550/metric ton). Observed incidental catch included Pacific mackerel, anchovy, surf smelt, Pacific butterfish, Pacific sunfish, staghorn sculpin, Pacific sanddab, sand sole, English sole, squid egg cases, sea star, jellyfish, and kelp.

Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara

There were 461 landings of market squid in October. Fishing took place off Morro Bay, Point Conception, Gaviota, Tajiguas, Santa Barbara, Carpinteria, Ventura, Port Hueneme, Point Mugu, Point Dume, Del Mar, Santa Rosa Island, Santa Cruz Island, Anacapa Island, and Santa Catalina Island. The average ex-vessel price was \$488/short ton (\$538/metric ton). Observed incidental catch included Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, jack mackerel, plainfin and specklefin midshipmen, Pacific sanddab, barracuda, white croaker, CA scorpionfish, staghorn sculpin, lingcod, bat ray, Pacific electric ray, honeyhead turbot, curlfin turbot, petrole sole, octopus, spider crab, rock crab, slender crab, sea cucumber, sea star, and kelp.

San Pedro/Terminal Island

There were 395 landings of market squid in October. Fishing took place off Morro Bay, Point Dume, Santa Monica Bay, Santa Monica Basin, Manhattan Beach, Point Fermin, Huntington Beach, San Onofre, Carlsbad, Del Mar, Mission Bay, La Jolla, Anacapa Island, Santa Catalina Island, 14 Mile Bank, San Clemente Island, 30 Fathom Spot, and 43 Fathom Spot. Fishing got off to a slow start this month due to windy weather, red tide, and a general absence of any sizeable schools of squid. Fishing picked up quickly soon after in Ventura and Los Angeles, as squid was readily available at a variety of locations along the coast. The average ex-vessel price was \$471/short ton (\$519/metric ton). Observed incidental catch included Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, and kelp.

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

Port Complex	Short Tons Landed in October		Season Totals Short Tons*****	Samples Collected
	2010/11***	2011/12****	2011/12	2011/12
Monterey/Moss Landing	4,613	528	14,970	5
Ventura/Port Hueneme/Santa Barbara	7,284	18,631	30,902	12
San Pedro/Terminal Island	15,629	18,456	30,877	12
	27,526	37,615	76,749	29

*Standard Deviation. **October 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

