



Reporting Period: February 22 to March 23, 2021.

Note: Missing dates normally mean that the wind contributed to boats not going out to fish. I have a NEW email if you can send me any fishing news or pictures: lyncurt0@gmail.com. If you can send reports by the 23rd of the month, they have a better chance of being added in for the next report.

In general, it is still a slow period for most fisherpersons, with cold water temperatures down to 58 degrees and many breezy days. Yellowtail became very scarce around the midriff, but a few "toads" were caught, mainly around Isla Pedro Matir. Bottom fishing seemed to be the only sure bet, with some decent Goldies and "Rockies" caught. Many days there were boats out fishing but so little was caught that no one felt like sending in reports. Flounder continued to be scarce to nonexistent. No fresh reports from San Carlos either.

02/27/2021 SAND DOLLAR tried San Pedro Matir but did not see much action, then moved to south of Turner near "Cross Roads" for a great catch of really big Gold Spotted Bass and some nice Grouper (Baquetas) in water around 400 feet deep. GATOR BAIT did catch a few Goldies at Turner. Cold water was reported everywhere.

03/07 GATOR BAIT fished the "Cross Roads" area for a Grouper and really nice Goldies in deep water. SAND DOLLAR also fished deep water from 350 to over 400 feet for some nice Grouper (Baqueta) and more of the larger caliber Goldies. EL SUENO fished the Turner area, reporting 57-degree water and catching bottom fish and one "very large" Sheephead. Not a Yellowtail was to be found, however.

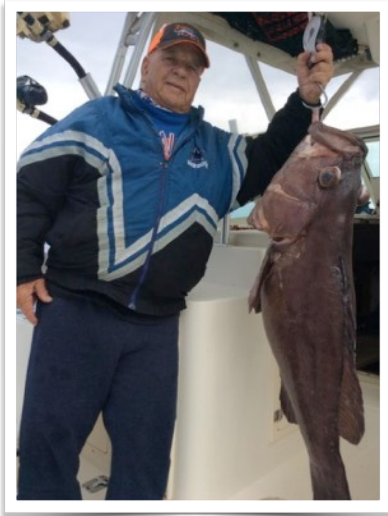
03/09 GATOR BAIT fished deep east of San Esteban for one Grouper, limits of big Goldies, and seven of the hefty sized Sheephead. SAND DOLLAR hit the area south of Turner for a nice catch of Baqueta Groupers and large Goldies.

03/15 HILL BILLY YACHT deep fished south of Turner for nice Grouper.

Except for a couple of good days at Pedro, Yellowtail were scarce, but bottom fishing was good to excellent if you could get to the bottom in 375 to 450 foot depths, mostly off of Esteban and the "Crossroads".

No new pictures, but since caches of Sheephead and Grouper aren't that common, I will add some old stock photos below.

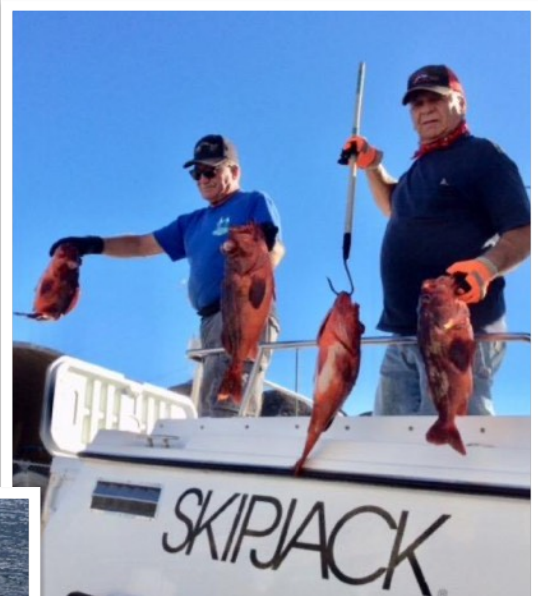
– **Matt Curtis**, *Fishery Biologist*



Brown or tan Baqueta



Baya or Baja grouper



Rosey Baqueta



Golden Phase Leopard grouper (a one in a thousand mutant)



Sheephead from Esteban



Baya or Baja grouper and Leopard Grouper



Sawtail grouper