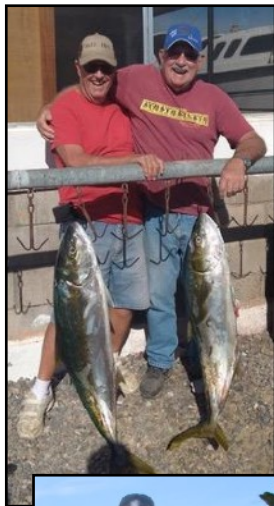




Reporting Period: January 25 to February 23, 2019

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 24th of the month, they have a better chance of being added in for the next report.

"Slow fishing days with few reports although some have gone out. Either really too slow to report or keeping "secrets" ha ha. In general, mostly bottom fishing occurring with any success." Ditto February!



01/29 HANNAH RYAN went to Turner/Dead Man area for goldies and rockies in deep water. PERRYDIZE fished Isla San Esteban for assorted bottom fish and 4-5 nice sheephead/perico. TZIGINE fished the Turner area for more bottom fish. FISH FINDER went to 14 Mile to try bottom fishing but I couldn't confirm how they did. Almost no yellowtail reported even in rumors. ROSIE boat went to San Pedro Matir for two sand sharks, two brownies/sardinera, five baquetas and lots of goldies.



PHOTOS: Top to bottom (left) 30 and 32 pound Yellowtail, 9.5 pound Pinto Bass and 21 pound Baja Grouper; (right) 37 pound Yellowtail, 2 big Baquetas, 12-13 pound "Pintas".

02/01 SAND DOLLAR fished the Turner area for bottom fish plus two yellowtail of 30 and 32 pounds, but no others. They were caught on X-Rap 30 spotted minnows near the reef. NIGHTWINGS fished Turner, Dead Man, and Punto Risco Colorado finding only rockies and goldies at the reef plus one pinto bass/pinta of 9.5 pounds and a 21 pound Baja grouper at Dead Man, all by jigging. The larger ones were caught right after high tide during a solunar table high. Also lots of triggerfish/cochis around, some of nice size. Ceviche is back on the menu!



02/02. HILLBILLY YACHT went north to Queens Rock for five yellowtail and one brownie.

02/04 PERRYDIZE trolled at Turner but only caught one yellowtail. (Did I mention that IT weighed 37 pounds?) It was caught by the same fisher person, Bud Dawson, who caught the other 30 pounders, with the same lure! There have not been many 30+ yellowtail caught around here or in the Sea of Cortez in general. Very impressive catch indeed. San Carlos is jealous. SAND DOLLAR couldn't find any yellowtail, but did get some nice bottom fish and had to travel to near Eagle's Nest to find quality.



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Remember to mark your calendar for our
next meeting for March 12. We hope to see
you there.

— **Jennifer Brown**, *President*

Did you know....?

Dr. Karla Esquer, who is at the
new clinic in New Kino, was one
of the earliest recipients of a
KLK scholarship! And now she
is back serving her community.
Education is the answer!

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02/09 GATOR BAIT fished Turner and Dead Man for limits of rockies and goldies and did find one flurry of action just at high tide trolling for 8 nice-sized yellowtail with a triple hook up to start it off. Those were caught at the south reef, mainly on spotted minnow, silver and white ghost X-Raps.

02/10 GATOR BAIT returned to Turner but all efforts failed as it was truly dead that day. HILLBILLY YACHT went to Pedro Matir in 60 degree water for 10 brownies, two yellowtail and a few goldies.

02/14. SAND DOLLAR and JAYHAWKER fished in rough seas at Turner for rockies and goldies.

02/20. ROSIE boat traveled to Esteban for two yellowtail with water temperatures of 58 at the north end and 54 at the south. There was some fish action on the north side but not biting.

Due to the brevity of this report, I thought I would add some information I found on one of my favorite species, the pinto bass/spotted cabrilla/pinta. I believe that it is one of the best eating fish anywhere. It is similar to the "brownie"/sardinera and the saw tail grouper and is distinctively slimy or "barbarossa", as Jesus at KBRV described it. I prefer it sautéed in a little oil with light breading, or grilled skin-on. Its scientific name is Epinephelus analogus and it is a member of the bass-grouper family. There is little information on it beyond scientific reports but it is a very important fish as a sporting and commercial species, although it is not caught as frequently as other species. In fact, until this season we had only caught two or three, but this year I have seen or heard of about a dozen caught around Isla Turner and Dead Man. As you can see in the last photo at the end, they have tan to whitish color with red brown spots up to 2cm wide and dark brown bars on the upper half of the sides. They grow to 87cm (34inches) and reach weights up to 45 pounds. I have personally only seen them to 26 pounds (one at Queen's Rock by Judy Kidd many years ago) and most this year have average around 12 pounds. Their natural range is from the northwest coast of Mexico down to the Revillagigedos Islands and even Galapagos. They are usually caught over reef areas associated with soft bottoms near edges, occasionally near estuaries at depths to 103m. They are definitely bottom fish, feeding upon small fish, squid and cuttlefish, and crustaceans. Thus jigging with or without bait is a good bet.

— **Matt Curtis**, *Fishery Biologist*