

Reporting Period: February 20 to March 25, 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: <u>lyncurt0@gmail.com</u> 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, a slow period for most fisher persons, 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. Bottom fishing seemed to be the best bet with some very large goldies and a few decent grouper caught. Many days there were boats out fishing but so little was caught that no one felt like sending in reports.

2/20/2019 SEA DANCER went to San Pedro Martir for three yellowtail between 15 and 18 pounds, one grouper, and some very nice goldies.

2/28 (?) ESCAPE went all the way to Isla Angel de la Guarda and caught a 65 pound grouper and returned safely to tell the tale.

3/01 GATOR BAIT to Turner for "two scorpion fish", and DAKOTA went to Pedro Martir for one yellowtail and one nice sardinera/brownie. Others were out but refused to admit what they caught or did not catch, pretty slow. There were rumors of pangeros fishing between Turner and Pedro in 300+ feet for nice catches of baqueta grouper to 20 pounds. **3/02** Rumor of FISH FINDER catching limits of bottom fish and huge goldies in deep water near the Cross Roads. PUDDLE JUMPER got limits of yellowtail at Isla San Esteban.

3/07 Lots of boats fishing but few reports except for SAND DOLLAR catching yellowtail,sardinera, and a grouper at Pedro Martir. JAYHAWKER caught bottom fish and a nice pinto bass/pinta at Turner. NIGHTWINGS got some decent bottom fish and a 11.5 pound pinto bass at Colorado RIsco.

3/15 At San Pedro Nolasco off San Carlos, yellowtail were being caught by those "throwing the iron/jigging" including a 41.8 pounder.

3/18 JAYHAWKER fished Turner catching bottom fish and a pinto bass. SEA DANCER caught bottom fish, big goldies, two 10 pound grouper of unknown species, and one fire cracker yellowtail at Pedro Matir. GATOR BAIT caught bottom fish at Esteban but reported slow fishing.

3/19 HANNAH RYAN fished Pedro Martir for limits of big goldies in deep water east of the island plus two 15 pound grouper. They reported warmer water to 66 degrees and bird action but did not try trolling. NIGHTWINGS fished in 61 to 62 degree water from Turner to Eagle's Nest catching only a handful decent bottom fish. PERRYDIZE and SEA DANCER caught bottom fish, including large goldies at Pedro in 66 degree water.

3/20 To Be Continued next month, hopefully with better news.

– Matt Curtis, Fishery Biologist

