



Reporting Period: January 27, 2021 to February 25, 2022

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

02/0-09/22 Various boats to Turner area but not a sign of Yellowtail and only a smattering of bottom fish caught. On

02/09 CAP'N JACK fished the south reef for almost no results but moved south towards the crossroads and had good success in 190 feet of water on the bottom for Salmon/whitefish and some beautiful Goldies, some of the best I have seen. For the last few weeks bottom fishing has been about the best bet around, but with very inconsistent results.

02/20/22 A numbers of boats fished south of Turner towards "The Crossroads" in water from 185 to 220 feet depth, with some fairly strong currents. CAP'N JACK had an impressive catch of mixed bottom fish, including Rockies, "Salmon", and some really nice Goldies, a couple possibly in the seven pound range. EL SUENO caught limits of Goldies, with some nice ones. FOR PLAY and DOS PRIMOS caught a mix of bottom fish. DOS PRIMOS did have a sighting of whales while out in the same area, probably Fin Whales. It was a nice day to be out there. DAKOTA fished a variety of locations from Turner to Eagle's Nest, but only caught bottom fish. RIDGE RUNNER made a long run through "The Channel" to Patos, then all of the way back around Tiburon to Kino. They reported only catching a few bottom fish but seeing porpoises and a couple of whale sightings. Not one fisherman caught a Yellowtail and there was one possible report of seeing Yellowtail on the surface. Water temperatures were only 54 degrees.

Since "Goldies" are such a dependable catch in the "Midriff" area, I think a little more detail about this common fish is warranted and deserved. Here are the facts as best I can determine, with little fake news intended.

"Goldie Facts"

In this area of the Sea of Cortez (SOC), the "Goldspotted Sand Bass" or "Cabrilla Extranjero" to Mexicanos, is scientifically named *Paralabrax auroguttatus*. There are nine members of this genus, five are found around the SOC and parts of the Pacific Baja coast. All are members of the "Sea

Bass" or *Serranidae*, for those of you who prefer scientific terms. I am sure most of you reading this are familiar with the similar "Spotted Sand Bass", a common local sea bass also called "Rockies" or "Sandies" AKA *Paralabrax maculatifasciata*, usually found in shallower waters and of smaller size. Both are excellent eating fare. Another common relative is the Calico or Kelp Bass, *Paralabrax clathrates*, common and popular along the Pacific and Baja coast of California (for all of you Southern California fisher persons).

Goldies are usually found over rocky bottoms or reefs nearshore in depths from 100 to 500 feet. They are one of the primary predators of this habitat. They feed on small fish, and a variety of invertebrates. They can reach lengths to 28 inches and weigh up to 10 pounds 4 ounces (2006 on the Thetis bank, Baja Sur), but rarely over 7 to 8 pounds here due to heavy local fishing pressure. They are caught in the SOC and Pacific Baja coast up to Cedros Island. On September 18, 2019 the first reported Goldie north of Cedros was caught near Santa Barbara, California. Near Kino, most are caught bottom fishing with cut bait or jigging. Most use multiple hook dropper loops or gangions, and weight on the bottom sufficient to get to the bottom depending upon the speed of the drift. It is important to keep the bait within ten feet of the bottom but avoid hanging up on the bottom structure.

There is little published information available on the biology of this species, but like many members of this genus, younger fish may be hermaphroditic (change sex from female to male) or not, similar to the Sheephead. They spawn starting in early summer, with the larvae becoming part of the plankton community. I could not find any data concerning spawning gatherings but the Calico Bass often gather in large groups to spawn, so Goldies may do so also.

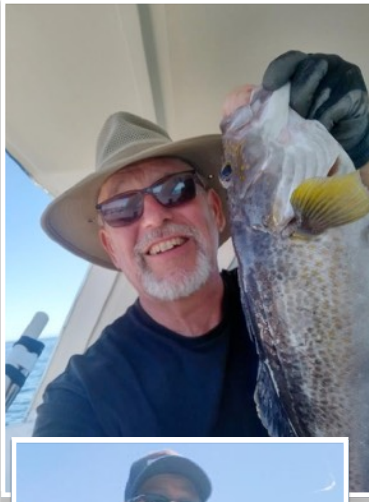
Photos below are the best I had, but the Sheephead in the photo weighed around 12 pounds for scale.

– **Matt Curtis**, Fishery Biologist



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FISH TALES continued...



The Board of the **Kino Ladies Club** has made the decision to prepare to open KLLK activities beginning in November. Our first scheduled luncheon will be November 8, 2022. At this time we will be collecting dues for the 22-23 term. Of course this will be subject to change should conditions change. The board has continued to be busy with issues that have come up and we certainly are looking forward to a new beginning. Also, we are planning a golf tournament scheduled for February 9, 2023. This is subject to approval from Kino Desert Golf. More information will follow in the next months. Watch for emails from the club to keep you updated.

Statement of purpose of the KINO LADIES KLUB

To hold out our hands to welcome ALL women in the community. To provide a venue where women can get to know one another, become acquainted and develop friendships. Also to serve the community with our combined efforts and talents by working and socializing with one another. To be useful to the community by providing goods and services and to organize, facilitate and coordinate as deemed beneficial.

Kino Bay Neuter & Spay Association

Kino Bay Neuter and Spay has survived another financial catastrophe because of the generous support of ten people. Whoa. We at KBNSA are so relieved, and so happy. Thank you, thank you.



For those of you who love dogs (you may even have one of your own) we could use your help too. Every dollar and peso you give is spent on sterilizations; we at KBNSA have no overhead. We cover additional expenses out of our own pockets. Why? Because we care about the homeless strays that starve and die on our Kino streets. Also we have a new problem: strays are banding together to form packs which endanger our pets and ourselves.

Our organization has enough money to sterilize 20 more dogs. That runs out fast when Dr. Jose neuters or spays 5 or 6 dogs a week. So, yes, we always need more money. Thanks ahead of time for your support.

—**Bev & Ray Kolosseus; Nancy & Bill Berg; Bonnie & Roger Downs**

KBNSA is an independent community service organization and not a part of Club Deportivo. Club Deportivo supports community initiatives.

We want to welcome the women of our community. During normal years, We enjoy social lunch gatherings on the second Tuesday of each month, from November to March. Our next meeting and lunch to be announced. ALL LADIES of Kino are welcome!

Our activities include:

- Gathering the women of the Kino community
- Involvement with the youth of Kino Viejo

—**Jennifer Brown, President**

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