

Fishing Report

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Reporting Period: January 25 to February 25, 2016

Note: Missing dates normally mean that the wind contributed to boats not going out to fish.

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01/27-28 The **KBRV crew** that had journeyed south to the Manzanillo area did get a nice marlin (blue?) fishing out from Barre de Navidad. The billfish wore out four fishermen before giving up the ghost and weighed 286 pounds.

01/30 **JAYHAWKER** and **TZIGINE** fished around Deadman and the Turner area, catching some decent yellowtail while trolling (mainly around Deadman). Efforts to jig and bottom fish produced some results but it was pretty rough. **RUNNING REBEL** on **JAYHAWKER** hooked up something big while trolling and they spent quite a time following up on it, wondering what it might be. Eventually they were able to get a large, estimated 65-70 pound tortuga up and were very lucky and skillful enough to release it unharmed and recover the lure. Bien hecho!

02/12 **DAKOTA** and **JAYHAWKER** returned to Turner and Deadman but were totally skunked by the yellowtail. They were successful catching some bottom fish.

PERRYDIZE fished at Willard and Esteban and had a decent catch of bottom fish but no sign of yellowtail. An anonymous group went to Christmas Tree to shore fish for lenguado (halibut), but only one was landed successfully, but it was a first for Tina Floyd on her third cast. It was really a slow day. **RED ROVER** went to Willard on the 10th, 11th and 12th and had good fishing for goldies but no sign of yellowtail. One larger goldie had a half digested bird in its' mouth, but it did not offer any explanation of how it got there.

02/17 **JAYHAWKER** and **PONY EXPRESS** went to 14 mile reef and caught limits of rockies and a few triggerfish. **DAKOTA** tried 14 and went on to Turner and caught nice goldies and rockies also.

SAND DOLLAR fished Deadman and Turner for 10 yellowtail and limits of bottom fish. **OVERCAST** got one yellowtail in addition to bottom fish and noted the murkiness of the water, probably a result of the past windy period.

02/18 Two calm days in a row brought out lots of fishermen. **SEABASS, ROCK AND REEL**, and **NIGHTTINGS** fished around Deadman and Turner where bottom fish were on the menu, but no sign of yellowtail. There were two fin whales surfacing and feeding on what appeared to be an extensive, deep school of bait, probably krill or some sort of small shrimp. Some of the bottom fish were regurgitating masses of some sort of pale crustacean for the past two days. Fin whales are "baleen" whales which use their huge folds of bristly teeth like sieves to filter food from the water they engulf. They are also the second largest of whale species after the blue whale.

The water was definitely "murky" with lots of pieces of sea weed and algae mixed in. Water temperatures varied from 60.3 to 62.3 degrees Fahrenheit. We also tried the Pyramids and Colorado Risco but the fish were scarce and not very hungry. **Los Compadres** fished in 400 feet of water near Turner for large bottom fish and one grouper (around 15-20 pounds).

RED ROVER fished San Pedro Matir for 3 gulf grouper, 10 to 15 pounds in 350 feet of water, some rosy conies and a few sardineras. He reported normal water color and clarity there. **ROSIE** went to Esteban and caught limits of big yellowtail off the northwest corner.

YO LO also was there and caught eight yellowtail and a 74 pound black sea bass!

02/19 Another beautiful calm day. **DAKOTA** went to the Turner area and got near-limits of nice yellowtail around Deadman. He reports fish were thick on the surface. **RED ROVER** fished Willard for a good catch of goldies.

02/20 **ROSIE** boat returned to Esteban for 13 nice YT trolling X-Raps on the west side.

