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# Neptunes 2017

# Review

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## Attention Members:

Lou Rosales will be taking over as the newsletter editor. He will need your support with articles, photos, etc. The trident is nothing without your contributions.

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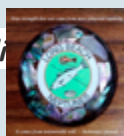


~Presidents Message ~

The water has now chilled and the dawn of winter is upon us. Although the fish are a little scarce these days, some nice bugs are being bagged, both locally and at the islands. So now it's the time of year that we begin to reflect on all that the past 12 months brought our way. This month's Trident brings us "A Year in Review". Numerous Tales of Glory were told amongst the Neptune clan this year, several of which found their way into our monthly newsletter, more were proudly shared at our meetings. Some of the best stories have been reprinted within this issue for all our re-enjoyment. 2017 has been a year of immense joy, happiness, accomplishment, and victory within the Neptune family. Numerous marriages, as well as baby and grand-baby Neptunes born. Some sorrows were experienced as well. The best we can do is to support our fellow Neptunes, during the ups and during the downs of life. As 2017 now becomes a memory and 2018 remains just a dream, my wish for your future, no matter what stage of life you are in is this ~ *May your joys be countless and immense, your griefs few and fleeting.*

It's been an honor being your President in 2017 and I look forward to another term in 2018! Even more so, I look forward to diving with you all throughout the coming year, sharing great stories about this sport we love, and continuing the timeless legacy of Long Beach Neptunes.

*"We love life, not because we are used to it because we are used to loving".*



# 2017 Fish Standings

2016 Calico Derby: Scott De Firmian 9.5 lbs.      Biggest Bluefin Tuna (California): Mark Navas 40.0 lbs

Calico: Scott De Firmian 9.5 lbs.

Biggest Yellowfin Tuna (California):

Dorado:

Bonito:

Biggest Tuna (Out of Country/State):

Sheephead:

White Sea Bass: Mike La Riva 69.05 lbs.

Yellowtail: Bill Peratt 35.44 lbs.

Biggest Pelagic Fish (Non-Tuna) Out of Country/State: Hobie Ladd 30.9 lbs. Rooster Fish

Biggest Reef Fish Out of Country/State:

Halibut: Hobie Ladd 16.6 lbs.

Lobster:

Abalone:

Kent McIntyre Award: Mike La Riva 69.05 lbs. WSB/ ? YT

Larry Heinrich 65.7 lbs. WSB/ ? YT

John Hughes 40.18 lbs WSB/ 32.96 YT

Joe Prola 46.7 lbs. WSB/ 32lbs. YT



Brian York has been buggin out. Above and right, Nice hauls!



## **Ricky's Lost Gun story or How I Know Scott D Is the Consummate Gentleman Diver**

Yeah, we all know it happens. Guns get lost and I'm not talking left in the parking lot at the local dive spot and we drive off without it. The only positive is someone getting their gun back and everyone seeing the good side of the Dive Tribe. So yeah, I think Neptune Scott DeFermian deserves a shout out for making a young diver buddy of mine very grateful and happy.

I've been busy the last few years and haven't been able to dive or attend Neptune meetings as much as before but it happens when you go from being single to being a single dad. Not only do I have a now five year old son but I've had my now adult stepson for the past five years too. We persevere, we adjust. Locally, I will still shore and kayak dive, sometimes with one of my younger dive buddies Ricky. Well, I got the call earlier this summer from a dejected Ricky telling me he had lost his gun, his only gun, a Riffe Euro. Well, Ricky is no slouch. He is very much an accomplished diver whether free or scuba and he has already shot quite a few white seabass. He works weekends at Dive 'n Surf in RB. It happens.

So yeah, it was the usual story. Ricky shot a fish in 50' of water 20' down and the reel locked up so gun goes down and diver comes up.....without gun. Well, Ricky is young and that's his only gun so he climbs up the hill and goes all the way home and grabs his scuba gear to search for the gun to no avail. When he gave me a call later that day he truly believed his gun would never be seen again. I told him it would show up sooner rather than later, especially since that spot was seeing a lot of pressure. I mean, hey, I've seen a buddy get their gun back six months after losing it at the Channel Islands!

When I got home that day I posted a short thread on the spearboards and a few posts went back and forth. I wrote that Ricky is a really nice, deserving guy. He is the type of guy you would want your daughter to bring home, microbiology major at CSULB, a hunter, a diver, a surfer. Well, a few days pass and some guns are found (ask Hobie) and some are lost during this time. Ricky, he is working away but he's not diving because that is his only gun. I would have to think it's like being one of those nice guys and losing your girlfriend. It's hard to get over and move on.

And on the seventh day here comes the message "I think I found it" from ScottyWotty. It's the weekend, Ricky is working, but he gets in touch with Scotty and yes, the numbers match. Ricky's lost gun was returned. I don't know how Scotty did that day he found the gun but he made someone very happy and grateful. It seems when we're out there on the water, in the water, everyone watches out for the other person. That level of friendliness and helpfulness is part of the sport of freedive spearfishing and this just affirms that thought. I just want to thank Neptune Scotty and recognize that he is not just an exceptional diver but a consummate gentleman.

## **Hard Shell Turkey Hunt: By Todd Farquhar**

**With Thanksgiving just days away, Ivan and I found ourselves in the same predicament. We both had no lobster and family parties to attend with many that have come expect lobster appetizers each year. Only one thing to do, go bugging. I hitched up my recently completed boat project and picked Ivan up on the way to the launch ramp. Before long we were in the water and doing what we love, uh...um, I mean selflessly enduring the dark cold water to come through for our expectant families.**

**After two stops and with 9 bugs between us we decided that was enough. We hung out a while before crashing for the night.**

**We woke to a gorgeous morning on the water and took our time heading in and washing the boat.**

**Thanksgiving celebrations were once again complete with lobster appetizers thanks to the**

**blessing of our beautiful ocean**

**that we are so very thankful for.**

**I'm also especially grateful for the privilege of being a Neptune and the quality people that I get to share this passion with because of the club.**



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Ladies and Gentlemen, it's time to recognize a great company that's helping us out. They are producing our Club T's, Bluewater T's, and these amazing Neptune boardies. They donated a bunch of hats , t-shirts, and pins for the club auction. So if you need any other gear, look no further. In addition, they are offering an exclusive deal for the Neptunes. Shop at [Katinusa.com](http://Katinusa.com) and use promo code NEPTUNES25 for 25% off of your order. Still not to late to get a pair of boardies for the summer ask Jesse how to get them.

Todd Farquhar taking  
First in the Fall  
Classic.

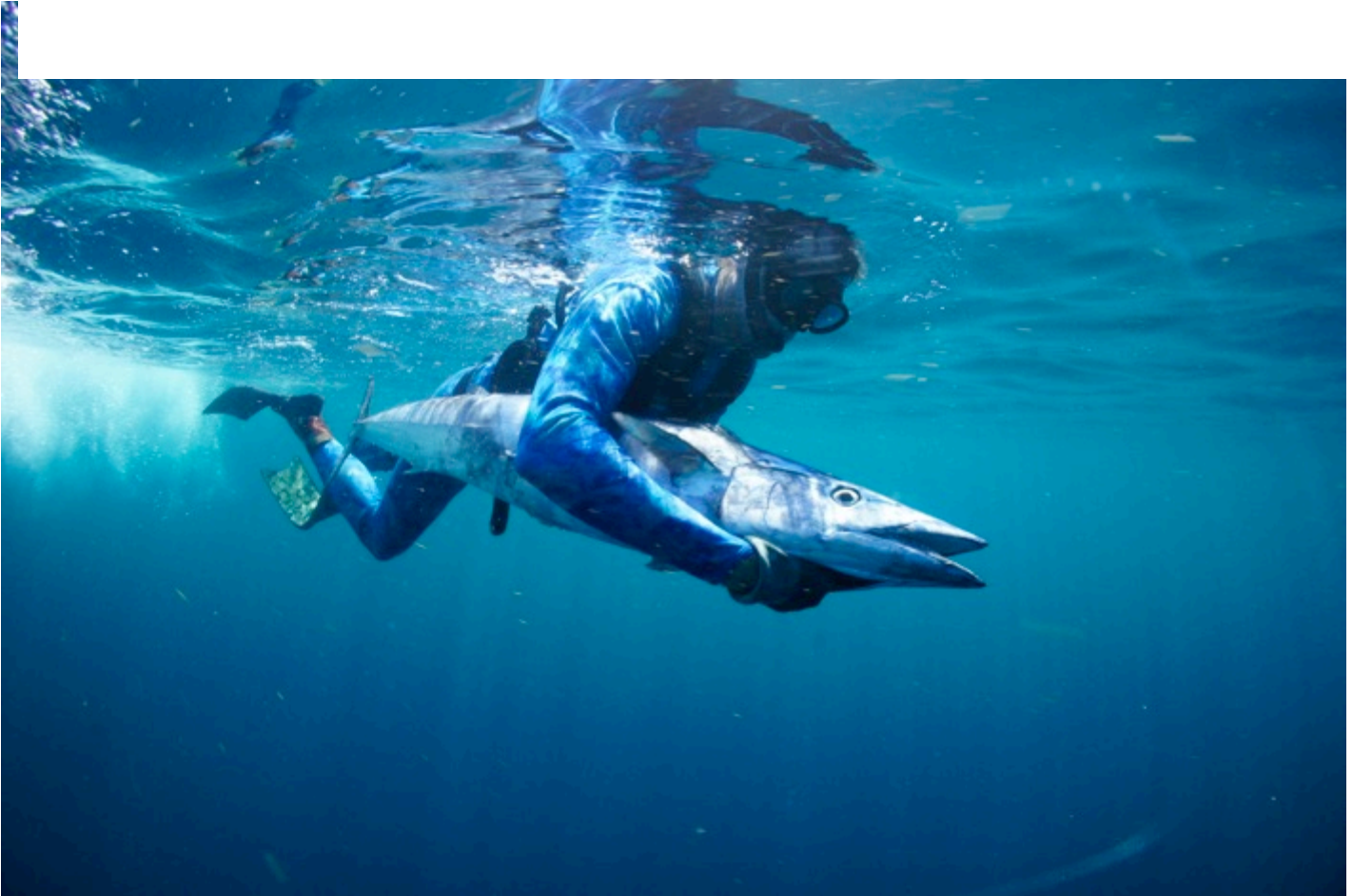


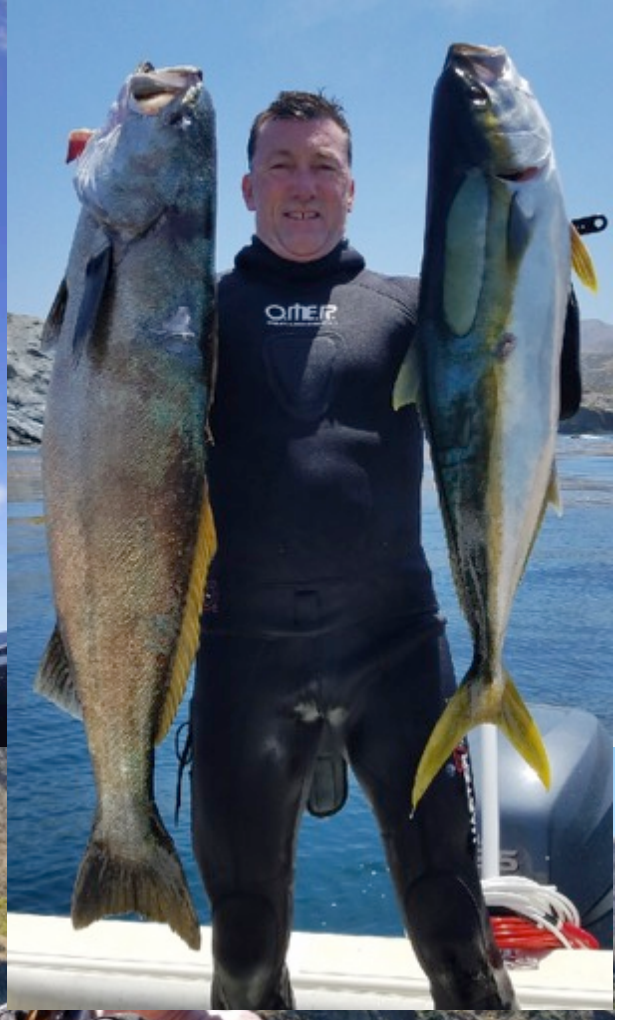


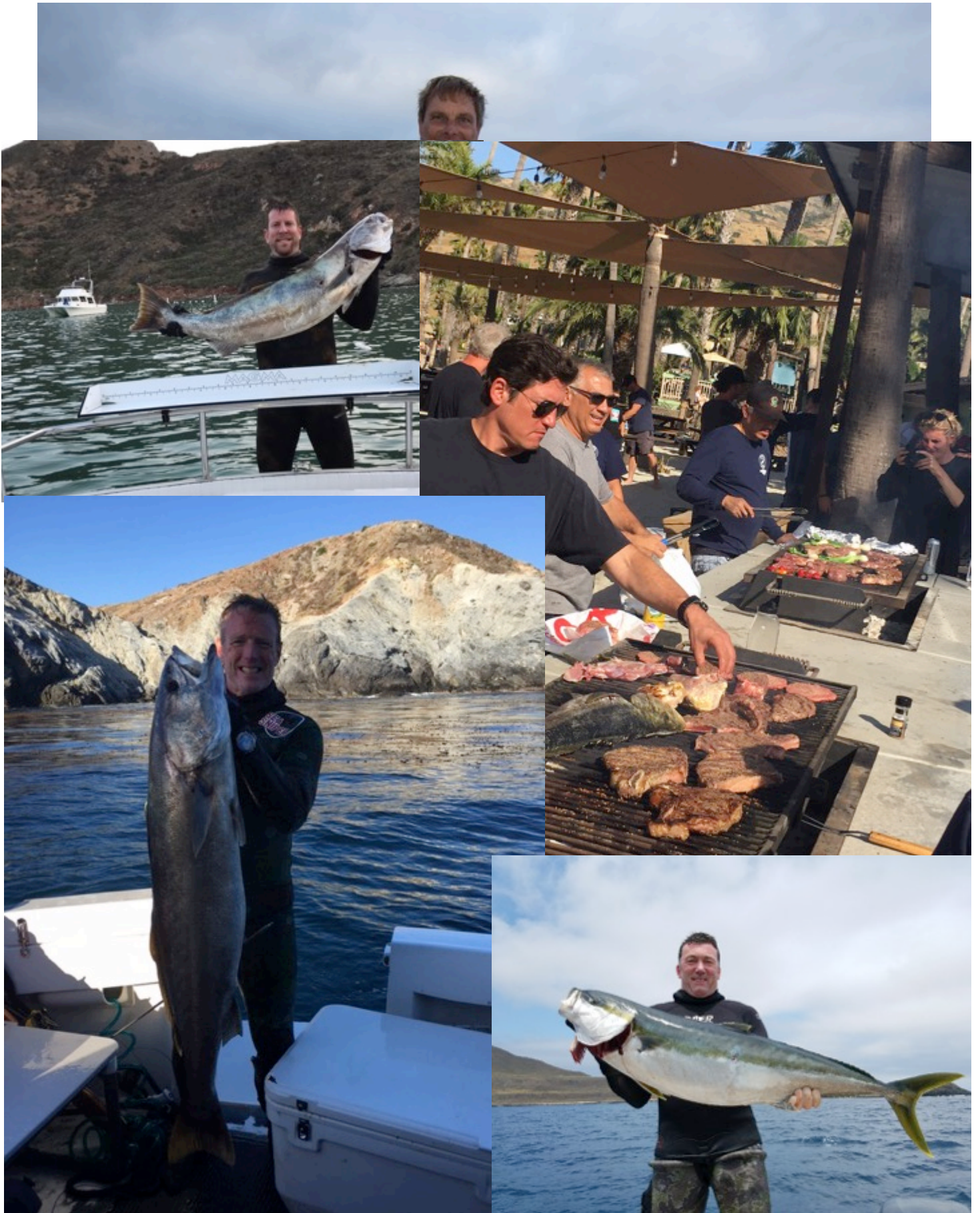


## **Attention Tentative Members/Sponsors of Tentative Members/Members!**

**Tentatives: If you haven't already make sure you go around at meetings and introduce yourselves to all of the members. I know it's tough to remember so many faces and names, but members want to know who you are so put yourselves out there and say hello.**







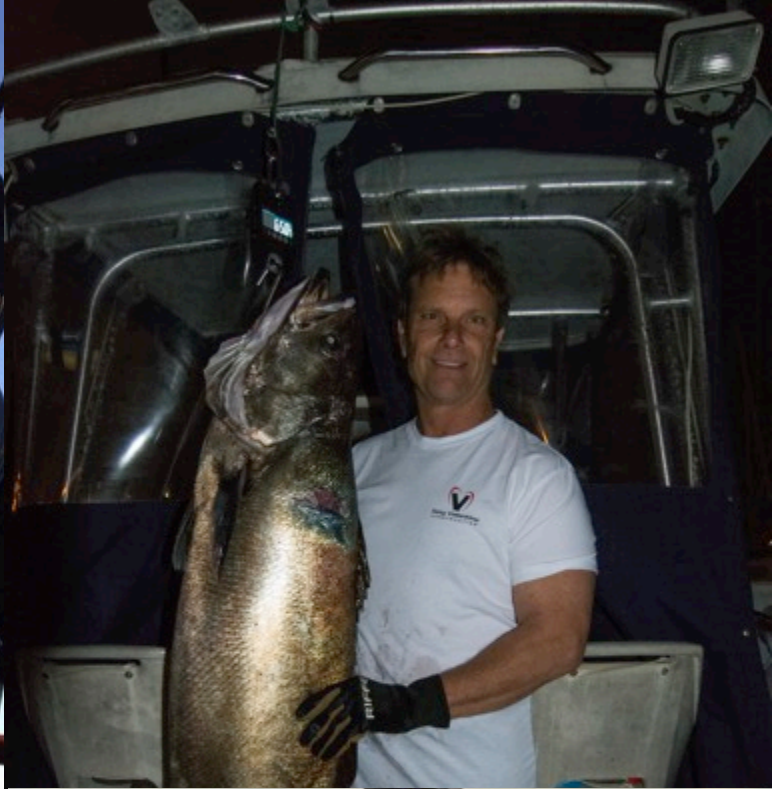




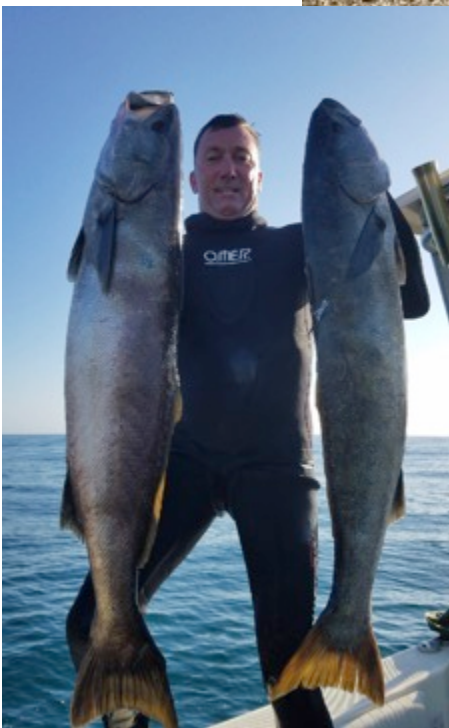






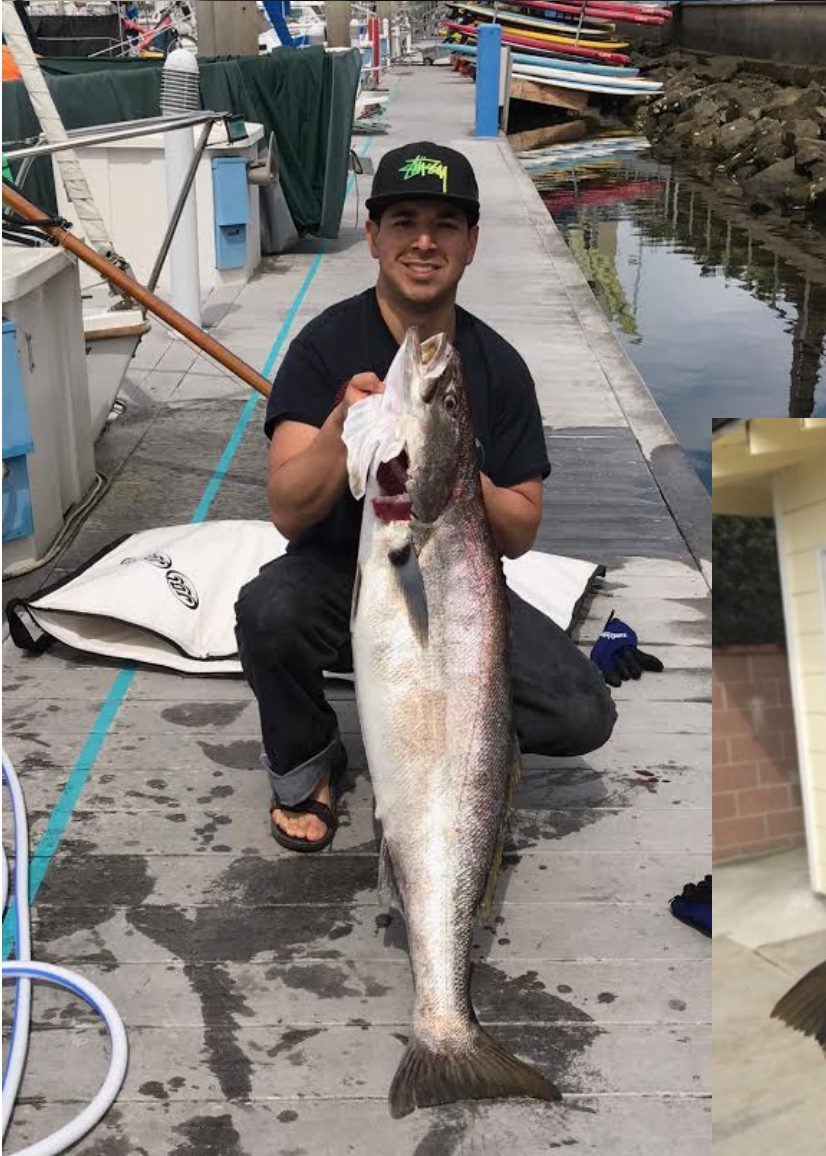




















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