



# Sponsor's Spotlight



**Big Game Fluorocarbon the hot ticket on "Freedom" Tanner Bank trip**

Berkley's Big Game Fluorocarbon Leader Material was the hot ticket for hooking Bluefin on the *Freedom's* Tanner Bank Trip. Check out what Berkley Pro Staffer Steve Carson had to say about the new Big Game Fluorocarbon Leader after a recent 6 day trip.

"Just thought I would let you know that I just returned from a 6-day long range trip to Guadalupe Island. The nicer grade 40 to 120-pound yellowfin tuna were biting, and as usual for Guadalupe the tuna were finicky and required a fluorocarbon leader to get bit. I was absolutely 'on fire', and caught 14 of the total 52 big tuna we caught during a 2-day period, using 50-pound Trilene Big Game clear mono with a 5-foot leader of 60 lb. Big Game Aqua Blue Fluorocarbon, attached with a 4-turn Surgeon's Knot (zero failures).

There is no doubt in my mind the Aqua Blue color made all the difference in coaxing bites from the reluctant tuna.

It is the right shade of light blue that has long been favored by west coast tuna anglers.

I also leaned very hard on the fish, fighting them with the 'rail technique', with no break offs.

There has been some difficulty with previous PF fluorocarbon products being accepted among the San Diego long range tuna fishing fraternity. This product, (specifically in the Aqua Blue color) can be unequivocally recommended for this most brutal of fishing techniques."



## WFO sportfishing The Growth of WFO Sportfishing

The growth of 'WFO Sportfishing' has been an awesome accomplishment, as their products have become a proud piece of equipment for many anglers. Doug Rogers, co-founder of WFO Sportfishing tells us his story:

My most recent fishing trip was out to the beautiful Island of Catalina, on one of Western Outdoor News' charter trips, of which WFO was one of the sponsors. The trip was a success, catching a wide selection of species, including bonita, barracuda, calico bass, and yellowtail. The day provided much enjoyment for all involved, but what had a tighter grasp on my attention, was the amount of WFO products that were on board. Out of approximately 30 anglers on board, at least half were using WFO equipment. As the co-founder of WFO Sportfishing, I was delighted to see our products in use and efficiently assisting so many fishermen. I hear so much positive feedback from many happy customers who contact me, but seeing the growth of our products with my own eyes, was a rewarding experience.

We now have a range of eight thriving products, which all come in a choice of two colors. Our most popular products include the Backpack Tackle Bag and the Offshore Tackle Bag, which is a highly developed upgrade of the Jumbo Tackle Bag. However, this year the excitement is all about the WFO Trek Pack. It's a waist pack for both salt and freshwater, shoreline fishing. This product has been a huge hit with everyone who owns one, and has anglers all over the state in a frenzy to purchase one for themselves. With its two adjustable rod holders, anglers can carry two rods rigged and ready at all times. This allows you to instantly target a fish, with two different setups.

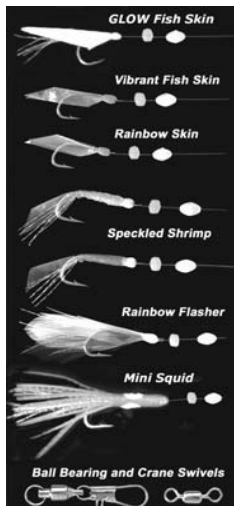
We work extensively with our own personal research, industry professionals and also a wide selection of key feedback material from anglers to create successful lines of equipment. This is in addition to field testing our products to the extreme before production, bringing you the most highly developed, most functional and best quality products there are on offer. These methods also enable us to efficiently observe where there is a need for additional products, so watch out for something new and exciting on the horizon in 2009 from WFO!

On behalf of everyone at WFO, I wish you many tight lines in the future - Doug Rogers



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### Promar AC-300X Bait Suspender

Catch more lobsters with the classic style ring hoop nets than ever before. This tricked out new bait cage outsmarts the average crustacean by drawing them into the center of the hoop net. Lobsters and crabs can no longer sneak a free meal by feeding off the edges of a drifting bait ring. Bait Suspenders center the bait cage directly in the bull's eye of the hoop net by way of some slick rigging. The new vinyl-coated steel

bait cage utilizes swivels to spin, sending any free loading crustaceans back to the bottom of the hoop net. No need for messy zip ties, the new bait cage can easily detach and reattach by way of stainless clips included in the rigging. Bait Suspenders come rigged to fit the standard 32" hoop nets (NE-102) but can be easily modified to fit the larger 36" diameter models (NE-102J, NE-102JPRO).



## Freedom...

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throughout the day and Captain Lee advised trying a big slab cut from fresh bonito hooked well onto the dropper loop. Jim Hardan of Temple City was fishing with his long time fishing buddy Jim Dunkle of Azusa and they both agreed to give the bonito slabs a try.

Hardan fished deep, on the bottom, and used straight 40-pound Big Game Trilene and an Owner 2/0 hook off the dropper. While Hardan was cranking his bait back off the bottom, it was seized by one of the classic yellowtail that inhabit the Cortez Bank. The fight took Hardan around the boat and back again and was, as Hardan said, "one of the toughest" he'd had in a long while. The fish would prove to be good enough to win the jackpot money at an estimated weight of close to 40 pounds.

Late in the afternoon, Captain Lee called for "Last Casts" and a few more fish came over the rail. Then it was time to head back to 22nd Street Landing with a 10- to 12-hour ride to go.

Many stories would be told of all the great fishing this year on the *WON/Freedom* trip, but it would be the fish counts that tell the tale: 91 bonito; 18 whitefish; 4 sheepshead; 21 sculpin; 20 bluefin tuna; 61 yellowtail.

I asked veteran skipper Woody Woodcock, second Captain of *Freedom*, what he might attribute the success of the boat this year. "We always encourage people to fish small hooks and light line. We work with them while they have fish on and we show them the right way to do it," explained Captain Woody. "And we go the extra distance, not just stopping at Tanner or San Clemente Island, but coming



**GERRY BAADE WITH BIG SHEEPSHEAD** caught at the Tanner Bank on a dropper loop.

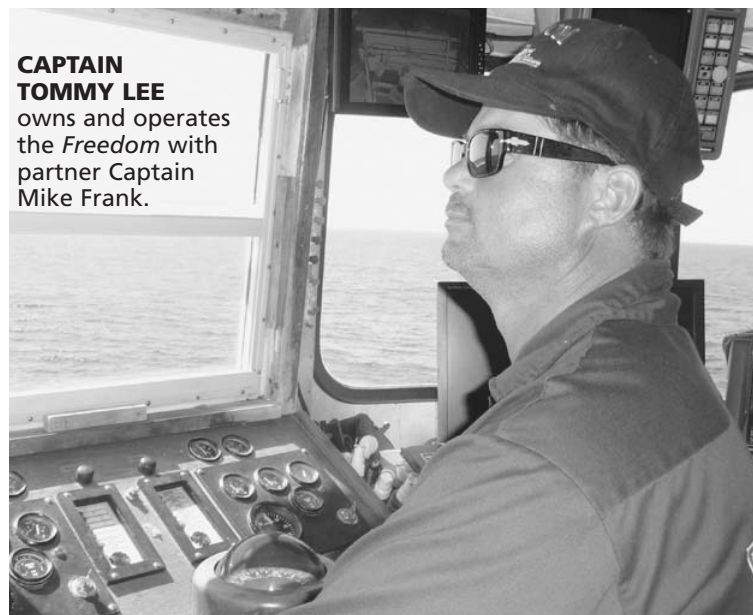


**JIM DUNKLE WITH SCULPIN** caught at the Cortez Bank.

all the way out to the Cortez Bank to get fish. That's why we have had such a great year," he concluded.

And that's why everybody agreed they wanted to be back for next year's *WON/Freedom* trip to the banks.

Contact Info: [www.freedomssportfishing.com](http://www.freedomssportfishing.com); 22nd Street Landing, 141 West 22nd Street, San Pedro, CA 90731; 1 (310) 832-8304.



**CAPTAIN TOMMY LEE** owns and operates the *Freedom* with partner Captain Mike Frank.

## Oxnard boats take BIG bonito, lings and several bugs before weather turns surly

**OXNARD** — The *Coral Sea* completed several runs to San Nicolas Island bringing back 20-pound lingcod, 10-pound sheepshead and some big bonito to boot. Jeff Morgan of Channel Islands Sportfishing Center was most excited about two of the latest bits of news for the landing. "The *Black Pearl* is returning to our landing this month. The *Pearl* is a solid fiberglass 65 by 19-foot deluxe sportfisher with all of the latest electronics and amenities. The *Black Pearl* is owned by Al Gregg and Rick Craddick, and operated by 28-year sportfishing veteran skipper, Rick Craddick," explained Morgan, pausing for breath. Morgan continued, "And we have started our hoop net nights every Friday and Saturday with fishing and hoop netting for lobster and crab departing at 5:30 p.m."

The *Aloha Spirit* out of Captain Hooks, along with the *Speed Twin* have been getting some action of their own. The *Spirit* went down the coast to pick up white seabass, scoring a 45-pound croaker for Pete Peyalls of Oxnard. The *Speed Twin* made a couple of trips to Anacapa Island, bringing back huge lingcod weighing as much as 24 pounds. With 65-degree surface temps the waters around Oxnard/Ventura may be the warmest in the So-Cal area.



**WFO FLATTIE** — Doug Rogers of WFO Sportfishing caught this 38-pound halibut on 15-pound test while fishing for calico bass aboard the *Island Tak* at Santa Cruz Island on Sept. 12.

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# Sacramento salmon run so far worse than last year's

BY JIM JONES  
WON Staff Writer

**SACRAMENTO** — Dick Poole, head of Water4Fish, a grassroots organization of sports and commercial anglers dedicated to ensuring adequate water quantity and quality for fish, has just issued his latest newsletter, and it doesn't contain much in the way of good news about the status of the Sacramento River 2008 fall king salmon run.

"The news is mixed, but is mainly bad for a 2009 fishing season," said Poole. "At the end of September, too, only 700 fall-run salmon had passed through the weir counter at the entrance to Battle Creek in the upper Sacramento

River. Last year at the same date 6,500 had passed and as recently as 2003, a total of 25,000 had passed.

"Hopefully, the run is just late, but the figures are disturbing, particularly since there was no fishing season this year. Jack counts are also low. As of October 6th, Coleman hatchery had 3,000 fish in its holding pond. They will immediately start spawning these fish. Coleman needs approximately 10,000 fish to make its egg quota. More data on the final run size will be available by the end of October." To keep up-to-date on Water4Fish, and to help out this important organization, email Poole at [action@water4fish.org](mailto:action@water4fish.org).

There was a bit of good news

coming from Coleman Hatchery, though. The Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have just completed a massive fish ladder enlargement project, enlarging it by 10 times over the old one. It will greatly improve fish passage on Battle Creek, a tributary of the Sacramento River, helping salmon and steelhead to swim upstream while enabling work to collect salmon at the hatchery to continue uninterrupted.

The annual Return of the Salmon Festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 18, and visitors will be able to see the new ladder and observe fish in the creek, the hatchery's holding ponds and in some parts of the new ladder.



**BUGGIN' OUT** — Lobster season is in full swing. One of the biggest bugs we've got pictures of here at WON is this 9 pounder that Randy Hudson caught while diving off Dana Point.

SPORTING TIMES		LUNAR TIMES	
2008	A. M.	P. M.	MOON
<b>OCTOBER 2008</b>			
12 Sun	3:04	9:16	3:27 9:38
13 Mon	3:45	9:57	4:09 10:21
14 Tue	4:31	10:43	4:56 11:08
15 Wed	5:22	11:36	5:49 —
16 Thu	6:21	12:06	6:50 12:36
17 Fri	7:26	1:11	7:57 1:42
18 Sat	8:35	2:19	9:07 2:51
19 Sun	9:45	3:29	10:17 4:01
20 Mon	10:51	4:36	11:21 5:06
21 Tue	11:51	5:37	— 6:06
22 Wed	12:18	6:31	12:44 6:57
23 Thu	1:06	7:18	1:30 7:42
24 Fri	1:49	8:00	2:11 8:22
25 Sat	2:28	8:38	2:49 9:00
26 Sun	3:05	9:16	3:27 9:37
27 Mon	3:44	9:55	4:06 10:17
28 Tue	4:26	10:38	4:49 11:00
29 Wed	5:12	11:24	5:36 11:48
30 Thu	6:02	11:46	6:26 12:14
31 Fri	6:55	12:43	7:20 1:08
<b>NOVEMBER 2008</b>			
01 Sat	7:50	1:38	8:16 2:03
02 Sun	8:46	2:34	9:11 2:59
03 Mon	8:41	2:28	9:05 2:53
04 Tue	9:33	3:21	9:57 3:45
05 Wed	10:23	4:11	10:46 4:34
06 Thu	11:09	4:57	11:31 5:20
07 Fri	11:51	5:40	— 6:02
08 Sat	12:10	6:21	12:32 6:43

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Captain Hooks <i>Aloha Spirit</i>	Jim Mason Oak View	20-lb. lingcod Anacapa Island
Channel Islands Sptf. <i>Coral Sea</i>	Bob Winters Westlake	20-lb. lingcod San Nicholas Island
Channel Islands Sptf. <i>Pacific Islander</i>	Kevin Kaplay Simi Valley	28-lb. yellowtail Santa Cruz Island
Channel Islands Sptf. <i>Coral Sea</i>	Don Somers Ventura	10-lb. sheepshead San Nicholas Island
Helgren's Sportfishing <i>Sea Trek</i>	Dominic Spinuzza Oceanside	194-lb. swordfish Del Mar coastal
Patriot Sportfishing <i>Pacific Horizon</i>	Greg Lewis Santa Maria	25-lb. halibut Purisima Point
22nd Street Landing <i>Freedom</i>	Gabe Griffin Midway City	38-lb. yellowtail Outer Banks
LA Harbor Sportfishing <i>Gail Force</i>	Chad Gengler Long Beach	32-lb. yellowtail Catalina Island
LA Harbor Sportfishing <i>Sport King</i>	Chuck Brand San Pedro	30-lb. yellowtail Catalina Island
LA Harbor Sportfishing <i>Matt Walsh</i>	Paul Medina San Pedro	20-lb. lingcod Horseshoe Kelp
Shelter Cove <i>Bite Me</i>	Mike Librero not reported	10-lb. albacore 20-mi. west
Berkeley <i>California Dawn</i>	Mike McNiele Clairemont	28-lb. halibut Main S.F. Bay
Emeryville <i>Wet Spot</i>	Dempsey Ramirez Richmond	27-lb. halibut Main S.F. Bay
Half Moon Bay <i>Queen Of Hearts</i>	Dade Riddle San Jose	5-lb. vermilion rockfish Pescadero
Berkeley <i>Happy Hooker</i>	Larry Nelson not reported	15-lb. lingcod Marin Coast
Loch Lomond <i>Private boat</i>	Darrell Beck Concord	32-lb. halibut Paradise Cay
Martinez <i>Sabrina Anne</i>	Jon Hensley Sacramento	51-in. sturgeon Honker Bay
Fort Bragg <i>Private boat</i>	John Gebers not reported	14-lb. albacore the knoll

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