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ROFFS FISHERIES OCEANOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS FOR THE LLOYDS RIDGE AREA (LAT./LONG.)

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Based on a multiple factor analysis, the symbols (hot spot spots) mark the areas where bait concentrations are expected and where fishing action is expected to be better compared with other (non-marked) areas. These are not based on dock rumors or hearsay fishing reports. Fishing reports are stated as such. You should start fishing where you recognize other signs of good fishing conditions near these marked areas. It is very important to use your sea surface temperature (sst°) gauge to locate the boundaries of the water masses, which are outlined. Rather than trying to find water based on the absolute temperature values shown on the map, search for the relative change in sst where the water mass boundaries occur. Arrows indicate the main current direction. Numbers inside of the dots indicate the number of consecutive days that we have seen favorable conditions in that location.

SPECIAL NOTE: We will be working on July 4th (9am-5pm), but will be closed the following Monday July 6, 2009.

We are able to observe the ocean conditions relatively clearly today using a combination of high resolution infrared and MODIS chlorophyll satellite imagery from this morning and this afternoon. Overall, we are able to observe a finger of blue 83.9°F Loop Current water being pulled inshore and westward into this area over the 300-1000 fathom ledges inshore of Lloyd Ridge providing your better chances for fishing action with tuna, dolphin, wahoo and billfish where favorable conditions have remained stable for 2-4 days from near 86°22'W & 28°23'N to 86°32'W & 28°21'N to 86°42'W & 28°15'N and over the 1000-1500 fathom ledge near 86°49'W & 28°12'N. As you continue offshore and into the Lloyd Ridge area, alternating bands of blue and dark blue Loop Current water are likely to provide additional chances for fishing action where favorable conditions occur along 500 fathoms near 86°00'W & 28°01'N to 86°10'W & 28°04'N, over 1000 fathoms near 85°58'W & 27°52'N and 86°33'W & 28°02'N, and over Lloyd Ridge near 86°14'W & 27°52'N, 86°28'W & 27°53'N, and near 86°25'W & 27°40'N. The larger band of blue 83.9°F Loop Current water extends westward into the Atwater Valley before turning back inshore over the 1500 fathom ledge providing additional good chances for fishing action where the strong green to blue 85.8°F-83.9°F boundary zone has remained stable for multiple days from 87°12'W & 28°06'N to 87°34'W & 28°02'N to 87°56'W & 28°00'N to near 88°13'W & 27°50'N.

On your way offshore, the ocean conditions suggest slow and scattered fishing action will occur due to the unstable blended appearance of the water combined with the offshore motion of the majority of the water. However, increased chances for action may occur within the De Soto Canyon where a finger of blended blue 82.1°F water that will provide increased chances for fishing action where it lies over the 500 fathom ledge and where conditions have remained for two days near 87°13'W & 29°08'N and 87°23'W & 28°45'N, and towards the Spur near 87°08'W & 29°13'N and 87°05'W & 29°04'N. Additional inshore chances for action may also occur along the edges of a finger filament of blended blue 82.1°F water where it lies near 86°07'W & 28°49'N and over 200 fathoms near 86°20'W & 28°48'N.

Thank you for not sharing this analysis with non-paying fishermen. We survive on your honesty. Verbal updates are free between 10:30 AM and 11:59 AM please call. Remember you can order and/or purchase your fishing analyses from our website or by email. SUMMER office hours: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM - 09:00 PM. Saturday hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, but often we will close earlier depending on demand, clouds, and weather. Requests for analyses should be called on Saturdays by noon during May/June and 1:00 PM during July-August so we can schedule our staff's hours.

