Summary of Responses from 1/8/20 – 2/7/20:

Something’s Fishy: Yellowtail Snapper
What is Something’s Fishy?

A tool used to gather information on a fish stock from active fishermen on trends or unusual occurrences that scientists and managers may not have observed.

- Responses gathered from January 10, 2019 – February 8, 2019
- Final report generated and presented at the Data Workshop on September 11-13, 2019.
364 Respondents

- Self-identified with sector
- Not limited to a singular response

Responses by Sector

- Commercial
- For-Hire
- Private
• Respondents could report observations for one or more grid location
Both manual and automated analysis showed a majority of respondents reported a positive sentiment. Manual analysis showed a greater proportion of neutral comments while automated analysis showed a greater proportion of negative comments.

4 comments were dropped during manual analysis (n= 360)

102 comments were dropped during automated analysis (n= 262)
Manual Sentiment Analysis by Location: Gulf of Mexico

Manual sentiment analysis specifically rated sentiment in relation to stock abundance.
Automated Sentiment Analysis by Location: Gulf of Mexico

Automated sentiment analysis rated the sentiment of the entire comment.
Manual Sentiment Analysis by Location: South Atlantic

Responses by Location in the South Atlantic

Manual Sentiment Analysis by Location: South Atlantic

- Negative
- Neutral
- Positive
Automated Sentiment Analysis by Location: South Atlantic

- Negative
- Neutral
- Positive
Automated Analysis

The most frequently used positive words could be interpreted to indicate that anglers with positive perceptions of the stock are seeing more fish and larger fish.
Most people don’t know how to target them.
No change in numbers or size.
Never caught small yellowtails in Alabama only large ones.
No small ones.
Small ones on rigs.
Further offshore than usual.
Lots of small ones.
Large ones deep.
Overtime there seem to be more – expanding their range into the northern Gulf.
Not as many as there were.
Predators (goliath, barracuda, sharks) are a problem for discards in this fishery.
Fishery seems to be flourishing recently.
Significant declines in the past few years.

Abundant but small.
They’re either huge or tiny – not much in between.
Seen hybrid lane and yellowtail snappers.
Decrease in the fishery in the upper keys since Irma.
Fishing is better since Irma.
Abundant but the size is decreasing, also hearing bigger but fewer fish.
Seem to be deeper lately – have to go further out for them.
Questions?