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# San Diego Angler Makes Trophy Catch on a Kayak

Bluefin tuna landed just seven miles off shore

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San Diego angler Chuck Levine caught this 30-pound Bluefin just seven miles off of Pacific Beach.  
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“No question” said Levine. “One, it was my birthday, so that’s crazy as it is. But two, I’ve caught some really big fish out of La Jolla here. I’ve got a 52-pound yellow(tail), I’ve caught a 68-pound white sea bass, but by far I think everybody’s bucket list is that Bluefin. That is the apex fish of the sea, right?”

The now-46-year-old actually had a chance at a couple more Bluefin but made the fatal error of many anglers; he got greedy. With one already on the line, it was decision time.

“That was my thought; I have one on the boat, I’ve got one I’m getting ready to gaff and then the reel went off with one I thought was bigger so I went with the bigger one and lost them both.”

And what does he plan to do with his prized catch? Break out the cookbooks.

“We’re going to do a little of everything. We’ve already done some of the sashimi, of course, and we’ll fire up the grill again tonight.”

Levine has also caught a couple of thresher sharks on his kayak, but if there’s anything that might be a bigger thrill than landing the Bluefin it might be bagging a marlin, and that is certainly on Levine’s radar.

“Well, of course! The marlin haven’t showed up yet but where there’s Bluefin the water’s right for sails. Whatever I hear is around and available I’m going to target it.”

And he’ll probably land it.

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