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Metro anglers haul in a wide variety of fish in the deep water off Catalina Island. From left, Montel Loving, Metro AWD Division 5 Transportation Manager Curley Little, Anthony Lee and Gene Freeman.

## Metro Anglers Try Deep Sea Fishing

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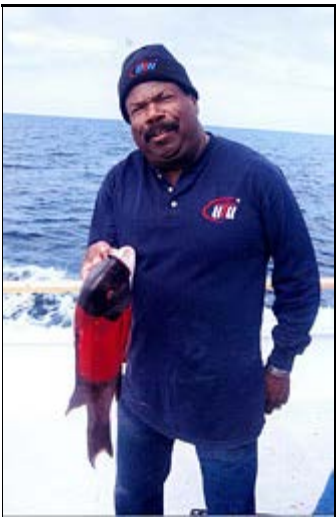
(Dec. 17, 2009) For someone who'd never gone fishing before in his life, Andy Carter proved to be quite a natural.

"I was into tennis, cooking 'soul food' and taking my boys to basketball games," said Carter, who, in his 54 years, had never even picked up a fishing pole, let alone baited a hook.

So when the Metro Carson Division 18 bus operator hauled in 11 fish from the waters off Catalina Island during a one-day excursion with a group of Metro staff and friends, he was both proud and pleased.

"I caught snapper, sheephead, sea bass and others," he said. "We boarded a 75-foot yacht at Dock 28 in San Pedro and then motored through choppy waters [Friday night] for about eight hours to reach our first fishing site."

The smell of bacon woke him early the next morning and after breakfast, Carter



Andy Carter, a Metro Carson Division 18 Bus Operator, hauled in almost a dozen fish, including a sheephead fish shown here, during his first-

and his fellow anglers broke out their rods and started casting.

"Everyone caught the limit on a variety of fish...rockfish, ling cod, whitefish, sculpin, sheephead, chucklehead, blue rock and sand dabs," said AWD 5 Transportation Manager, Curley Little.

Throughout the day the fishing boat, staffed by a captain, a cook and three deckhands, steered to different fishing sites as Andy and his friends continued to tempt the local deep-sea populace with squid and sardine bait.

"I didn't know what to do with all of my catch," said Carter. But when the boat returned to San Pedro on Saturday night, the deckhands resolved the dilemma by cleaning and filleting some of his catch before he took them home to "reside" in his freezer.

Back at home, Carter's 5-year old son Micah quizzed his father about one of his catch. Why, the boy asked, does one of the fish appear to wear a "red jacket?"

Dipping into the deep pool of his experience as a deep-sea fisherman, Carter told the boy, smiling, "that red is the natural color of the red snapper."

ever angling experience. Metro Division 18 Bus Operator Glenda Harris (left) and Cynthia Black.

