

Sandbar Sports Grill takes second place

The fish taco, a deceptively simple dish, has its origins in Baja, Mexico, though several fishing villages – San Felipe and Ensenada among them – take credit for the street food now wildly popular up and down the California coast. The Baja-style fish taco consists of a mild white fish deep-fried and placed in one or two warm corn tortillas, topped with shredded cabbage, a sour cream or mayonnaise-based sauce and a squeeze of lime juice. Other variations include grilled fish, shrimp, tuna poke, calamari or a host of other seafood fillings. So who's the modern day king of fish tacos in California?



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Sandbar Sports Grill, a popular Mission Beach haunt just steps from the sea, serves their fish taco with local white fish, chipotle aioli, beer-brined escabeche slaw, lime crema, spicy guacamole, crispy onion strings and fried cilantro on a Cotija-cruste flour tortilla.

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