

## Port Walk #2



### **San Francisco's Fishing Community**

Fishing is not just a job it's a way of life. The fishing community has been vital to San Francisco and its economy for more than 100 years. Today, about 1,000 people fish for their living out of the Wharf. In 1998, they brought in a catch worth \$5 million. Related forms of commerce, from boat supplies and repairs to fish merchandising and trucking, depend on the Wharf's thriving fishing industry.



### **Fishing with Limits**

Scenes of fish being unloaded by hand were once common at Fisherman's Wharf. Today, machinery does the job. As advances in technology make catching and processing seafood faster and more efficient, setting limits on how, when, where, and how much to harvest becomes ever more important. Careful fisheries management is ensuring fish for future generations.



### **Sustainable Bounty**

With a deck-load of over 6,000 pounds of small silvery fish, one of the Wharf's herring boats returns with its share of a highly regulated harvest. Each year quota for that season's catch – usually 15 percent or less of the spawning fish. Sometimes the fleet catches the quota in 24 hours!



### **Jeanette Caito, Fish Buyer**

“The fishing fleet and the processors are the center of activity here. It might seem like fishermen and women are totally independent. But we are a community, depending on each other. We are a community of working families – small and medium-sized family businesses, doing business from boats at sea and on shore. Fishing is a thriving business here at the Wharf.”