

THE SMELL OF MONEY

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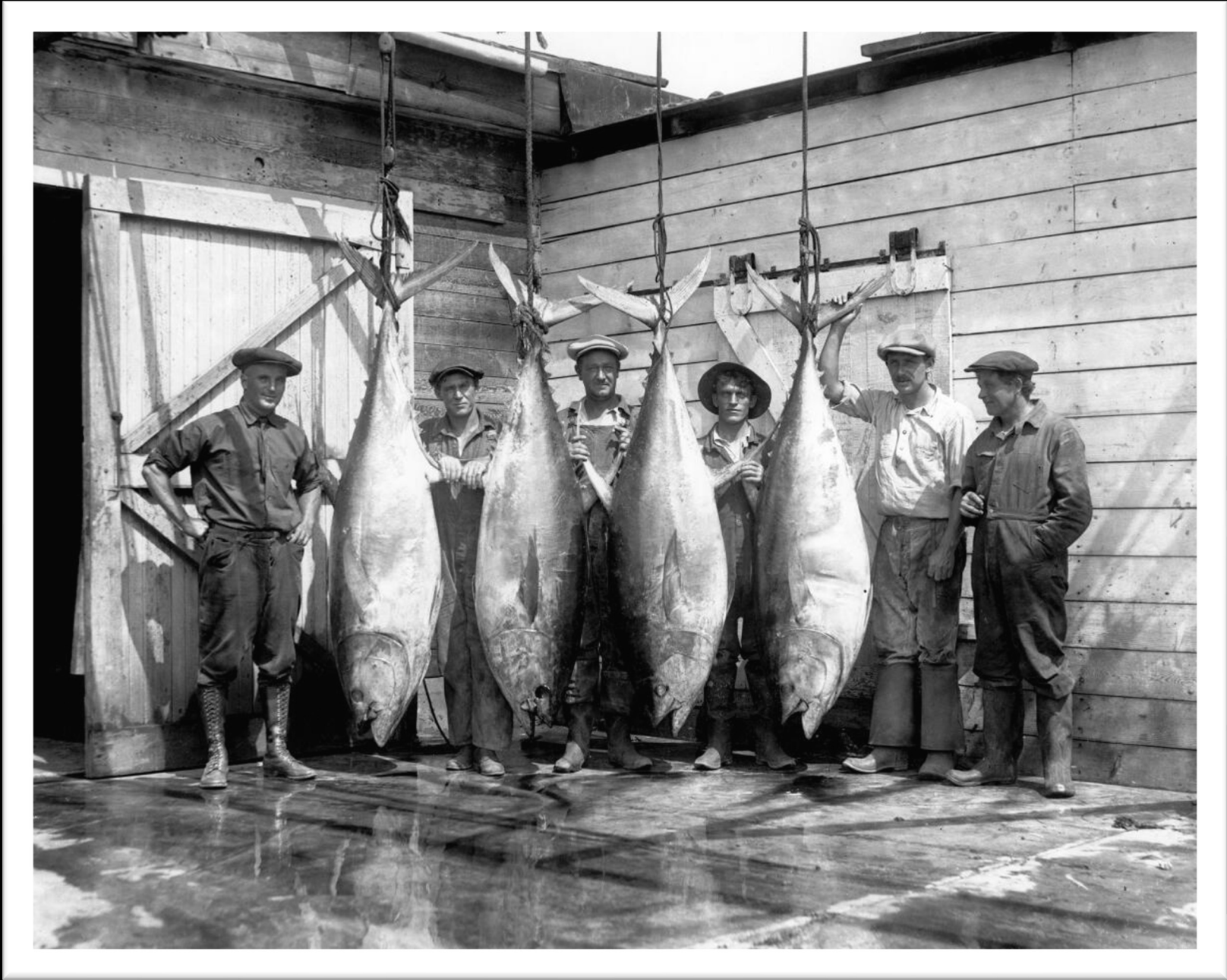
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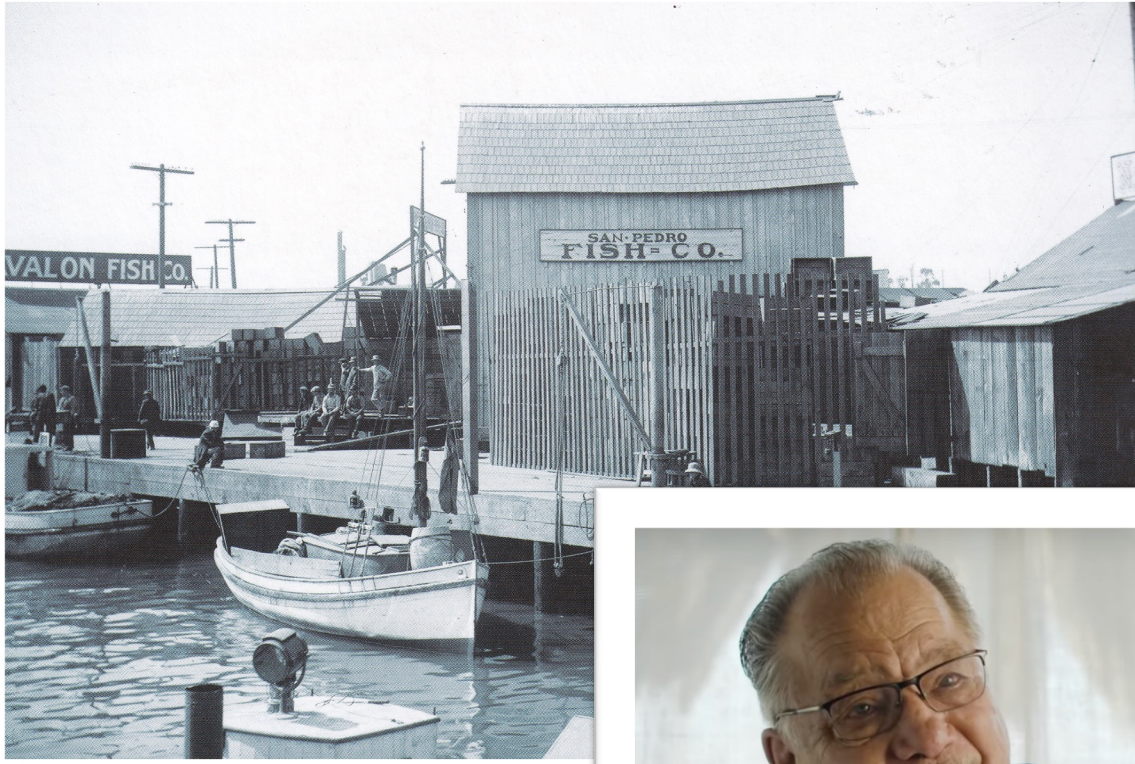


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Martin Bogdanovich launches an empire in Fish Harbor



— Martin J. Bogdanovich, founder of Star-Kist Tuna. (Photo courtesy the San Pedro Bay Historical Society)

Martin J. Bogdanovich was born on the island of Vis in the Adriatic Sea just off the Dalmatian coast of Croatia on Nov. 5, 1882.

He emigrated to the U.S. in 1908, the same year that he married his wife, Antoinette, with whom he would raise a son and six daughters.

He began his career in the sardine fishing business in 1910 on Terminal Island, where a group of fishermen had begun operations in an area that would come to be known as Fish Harbor.

In 1917, Bogdanovich and four associates – Joseph P. Mardesich, Nick Vilicich and James and Ivo Mirkovich – began a new venture in

Fish Harbor: the French Sardine Company.

The company quickly became successful, and Bogdanovich became a leader in the state's fish canning industry. Its success continued when French Sardine wisely turned to tuna canning when the coastal sardine supply began to ebb in the 1940s.



— Cannery workers pose in front of the French Sardine Cannery at Fish Harbor, Terminal Island circa 1939. French Sardine later became Star-Kist. (Photo courtesy Los Angeles Maritime Museum)





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