



Legacy Business Registry Staff Report

Hearing Date: June 14, 2021

ABS SEAFOOD INC.

Application No.: LBR-2020-21-015
Business Name: ABS Seafood Inc.
Business Address: Pier 45, Shed D-1
District: District 3
Applicant: Henry Ichinose, Chief Executive Officer
Nomination Letter Date: September 29, 2020
Nominated By: Supervisor Aaron Peskin
Staff Contact: Richard Kurylo
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BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

ABS Seafood Inc. is a wholesale seafood distribution, supplier, and retail company opened originally by Japanese immigrants and brothers Hideo and Tokihide Ichinose in October 1965. The business sells a variety of products from both Japan and locally caught products from the Bay Area. At the time ABS Seafood Inc. was established, there were few to no seafood distributors in San Francisco exporting local seafood to Japan. Today, ABS Seafood Inc. remains one of the top wholesale and direct sale seafood distributors in San Francisco with customers in San Francisco, the Bay Area, the western United States, and Japan. ABS Seafood Inc. has been owned and operated by the Ichinose family for the entirety of its 56 years in business.

ABS Seafood Inc., originally known as ABS Fishing Company, Inc. first opened at 2141 Keith Street in the Bayview neighborhood, focusing on the export of sea urchin and abalone. The business remained at that location until 2004. ABS Seafood Inc. was at its second location at 1600 Evans Avenue for the next three years. The business moved again in 2007 to 699 Illinois Street, where it remained until 2016, when the company moved to its current location at Pier 45 Shed D-1. Though utilitarian and not easily accessed by pedestrians, Shed D on Pier 45 is a natural home for ABS Seafood Inc.'s operation as a wholesale seafood distributor, both from a logistical standpoint and with Fisherman's Wharf historic and lasting reputation as a seafood and fishing hub.

ABS Seafood Inc. offers an inventory of sashimi-quality products from Japan including, but not limited to, ahi tuna, hamachi, uni, and madai. Its inventory also includes locally caught products including Dungeness crab, halibut, and black cod. ABS Seafood Inc. places a special emphasis on making sure its products are both fresh and that its partners and suppliers are held to global sustainable fishing standards.

ABS Seafood Inc.'s combination of local knowledge, leveraging its oldest connections to local fishing boats and fishermen, and the Ichonise family's expertise in foreign markets, has allowed ABS Seafood Inc. to remain in business over a span of 56 years and to establish a strong customer base in both the Bay Area and abroad. ABS Seafood Inc.'s clients consist primarily of other businesses such as grocery stores, restaurants, and sellers of seafood products located in San Francisco and the greater Bay Area and Northern California, but reaching as far Salt Lake City domestically, and as far as Japan internationally. Recently, ABS Seafood Inc. has also been able to sell its seafood directly to individual customers through its new online ordering service, "True Fish." Whether a large grocery store or an individual consumer, the business makes an effort to offer high quality seafood to its customers at an affordable price.

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ABS Seafood Inc. has continuously given back to San Francisco since its establishment, particularly the Japanese community of San Francisco. The store frequently donates seafood to events for various local organizations, schools, and programs including the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California's Tabemasho (restaurant groups fundraiser), Nihonmachi Little Friends School's annual sushi fundraiser, ABC Preschool's auctions and fundraisers, Boy Scouts Troop 29 crab feed fundraiser, and Boy Scouts Troop 58 chicken curry fundraisers and troop overnights, to name a few. ABS Seafood Inc.'s current owner, Henry Ichonise is also an active member of the Japantown Taskforce.

CRITERION 1

Has the applicant operated in San Francisco for 30 or more years, with no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years?

Yes, ABS Seafood Inc. has operated in San Francisco for 30 or more years, with no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years:

2141 Keith Street from 1965 to 2004 (39 years)
1600 Evans Avenue from 2004 to 2007 (3 years)
699 Illinois Street from 2007 to 2016 (9 years)
Pier 45, Shed D-1 from 2016 to Present (5 years)

CRITERION 2

Has the applicant contributed to the neighborhood's history and/or the identity of a particular neighborhood or community?

Yes, ABS Seafood Inc. has contributed to the history and identity of the Bayview and Fisherman's Wharf neighborhoods and San Francisco.

The Historic Preservation Commission recommended the applicant as qualifying, noting the following ways the applicant contributed to the neighborhood's history and/or the identity of a particular neighborhood or community:

- ABS Seafood Inc. is associated with the fishing and seafood industry in San Francisco and Fisherman's Wharf. The business is also associated with traditional cuisine from Japan, selling traditional Japanese sashimi products including hamachi, uni, madai, and ahi.
- The business' primary location, located at Pier 45 Shed D-1, is in a one-story concrete Category A (Historic Resource Present) transit shed. Pier 45, including its four transit sheds, is a contributing resource to the National Register and California Register Port of San Francisco Embarcadero Historic Districts.

Pier 45 Shed D is located within the National Register and California Register Port of San Francisco Embarcadero Historic Districts. The National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Port of San Francisco Embarcadero Historic District describes Pier 45 as the largest pier in the Embarcadero Historic District, consisting of a pier substructure on which four transit sheds are built. The substructure was built from 1926-1927 along with the Pier 45 Section of the bulkhead wharf. The four transit sheds, complete with their architectural fronts, were built from 1928-1929. Sheds A and B are located side-by-side facing the Embarcadero, while sheds C and D are placed behind A and B. Sheds A and B have ornamental fronts, while C and D have plain fronts. Shed D was built with a lookout station on the roof at its outshore end. Each shed is constructed with a steel frame and pre-cast reinforced concrete walls. The rear walls of sheds C and D, which face the water, have very restrained architectural treatments which reflect the Gothic fronts of sheds A and B.

- There have been a number of local features, articles, and television news stories on ABS Seafood Inc. The business has been covered in local media, including articles and features in KQED, CBS/KPIX, The Desert Sun, and Farms.fyi, a Bay Area-based food blog that

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connects residents to local farmers and craft food makers. ABS Seafood Inc. has also been featured in Chowhound, a national online resource for food enthusiasts.

CRITERION 3

Is the applicant committed to maintaining the physical features or traditions that define the business, including craft, culinary, or art forms?

Yes, ABS Seafood Inc. is committed to maintaining the physical features and traditions that define the business.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

The Historic Preservation Commission recommends that ABS Seafood Inc. qualifies for the Legacy Business Registry under Administrative Code Section 2A.242(b)(2) and recommends safeguarding of the below listed physical features and traditions.

Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business:

- Wholesale seafood distribution, supply, and retail company.
- Inventory of sashimi-quality products from Japan (including, but not limited to, ahi, hamachi, uni, and madaï).
- Inventory of locally caught products (including, but not limited to, Dungeness crab, halibut, and black cod).
- Location at Fisherman's Wharf's historic piers.
- "True Fish" – ABS Seafood Inc.'s online ordering service for direct delivery to customers.
- ABS Seafood Inc.'s two fishing boat hoists, allowing the unload of seafood directly from local boats.
- Use of sustainable fishing practices by company partners and suppliers.
- Engagement with San Francisco's Japanese community and organizations.

CORE PHYSICAL FEATURE OR TRADITION THAT DEFINES THE BUSINESS

Following is the core physical feature or tradition that defines the business that would be required for maintenance of the business on the Legacy Business Registry.

- Supplier of fresh seafood.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the San Francisco Small Business Commission include ABS Seafood Inc. currently located at Pier 45, Shed D-1 in the Legacy Business Registry as a Legacy Business under Administrative Code Section 2A.242.

Richard Kurylo, Program Manager
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Small Business Commission

Resolution No. _____

June 14, 2021

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Adopting findings approving the Legacy Business Registry application for ABS Seafood Inc., currently located at Pier 45, Shed D-1.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Administrative Code Section 2A.242, the Office of Small Business maintains a registry of Legacy Businesses in San Francisco (the "Registry") to recognize that longstanding, community-serving businesses can be valuable cultural assets of the City and to be a tool for providing educational and promotional assistance to Legacy Businesses to encourage their continued viability and success; and

WHEREAS, the subject business has operated in San Francisco for 30 or more years, with no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years; or

WHEREAS, the subject business has operated in San Francisco for more than 20 years but less than 30 years, has had no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years, has significantly contributed to the history or identity of a particular neighborhood or community and, if not included in the Registry, faces a significant risk of displacement; and

WHEREAS, the subject business has contributed to the neighborhood's history and identity; and

WHEREAS, the subject business is committed to maintaining the physical features and traditions that define the business; and

WHEREAS, at a duly noticed public hearing held on June 14, 2021, the San Francisco Small Business Commission reviewed documents and correspondence, and heard oral testimony on the Legacy Business Registry application; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Small Business Commission hereby includes ABS Seafood Inc. in the Legacy Business Registry as a Legacy Business under Administrative Code Section 2A.242.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Small Business Commission recommends safeguarding the below listed physical features and traditions at ABS Seafood Inc.

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- Engagement with San Francisco’s Japanese community and organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Small Business Commission requires maintenance of the below listed core physical feature or tradition to maintain ABS Seafood Inc. on the Legacy Business Registry:

- Supplier of fresh seafood.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the Small Business Commission on June 14, 2021.

Regina Dick-Endrizzi
Director

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Ayes –
Nays –
Abstained –
Absent –

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Legacy Business Registry

Application Review Sheet

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Yes No

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CRITERION 2: Has the applicant contributed to the neighborhood's history and/or the identity of a particular neighborhood or community?

Yes No

CRITERION 3: Is the applicant committed to maintaining the physical features or traditions that define the business, including craft, culinary, or art forms?

Yes No

NOTES: N/A

DELIVERY DATE TO HPC: April 21, 2021

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AARON PESKIN
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September 29, 2020

Director Regina Dick-Endrizzi
San Francisco Office of Small Business
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Dear Director Dick-Endrizzi:

It is my honor and privilege to nominate ABS Seafood for inclusion on the Legacy Business Registry.

ABS Seafood started out with the name of ABS Fishing Company Inc. in 1965 on 2141 Keith Street in San Francisco's Bayview neighborhood, then moved to two other locations within San Francisco (1600 Evans and 699 Illinois St), before coming to Pier 45 in 2016, where they are currently located today.

ABS Seafood takes pride in sourcing their seafood from the best locations around the globe and are dedicated to maintaining the highest quality and upholding globally recognized sustainability standards for both wild caught and farming fisheries.

I hereby, respectfully, recommend ABS Seafood for inclusion on the Legacy Business Registry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron Peskin".

Aaron Peskin

Section One:

Business / Applicant Information.

Please provide the following information:

- The name, mailing address and other contact information of the business;
- The name of the person who owns the business. For businesses with multiple owners, identify the person(s) with the highest ownership stake in the business;
- The name, title and contact information of the applicant;
- The business's San Francisco Business Account Number and entity number with the Secretary of State, if applicable.

NAME OF BUSINESS:	
ABS SEAFOOD INC.	
BUSINESS OWNER(S) (Identify the person(s) with the highest ownership stake in the business):	
HENRY ICHINOSE	
CURRENT BUSINESS ADDRESS:	TELEPHONE NUMBER:
PIER 45, SHED D-1 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94133	415-401-0258
	EMAIL ADDRESS:
MAILING ADDRESS – STREET ADDRESS:	MAILING ADDRESS – CITY AND STATE:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Business Address	
	MAILING ADDRESS – ZIP CODE:
WEBSITE ADDRESS:	
WWW.ABSSEAFOOD.COM	
FACEBOOK PAGE:	
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ABSSEAFOOD	
TWITTER NAME:	
APPLICANT'S NAME:	APPLICANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER:
HENRY ICHINOSE	415-401-0258
APPLICANT'S TITLE:	APPLICANT'S EMAIL ADDRESS:
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	
SAN FRANCISCO BUSINESS ACCOUNT NUMBER:	
0437527	
SECRETARY OF STATE ENTITY NUMBER (If applicable):	
C2676784	

Section Two:

Business Location(s).

List the business address of the original San Francisco location, the start date of business and the dates of operation at the original location. Check the box indicating whether the original location of the business in San Francisco is the founding location of the business. If the business moved from its original location and has had additional addresses in San Francisco, identify all other addresses and the dates of operation at each address. For businesses with more than one location, list the additional locations in section three of the narrative.

ORIGINAL SAN FRANCISCO ADDRESS	ZIP CODE	START DATE OF BUSINESS
2141 KEITH ST (A B S FISHING COMPANY, INC.)	94124	10/08/1965
IS THIS LOCATION THE FOUNDING LOCATION OF THE BUSINESS?	DATES OF OPERATION AT THIS LOCATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	10/08/1965 - 09/27/2004	

OTHER ADDRESSES (If applicable)	ZIP CODE	DATES OF OPERATION
1600 EVANS AVE (ABS SEAFOOD INC.)	94124	Start: 09/27/2004
		End: 01/01/2007

OTHER ADDRESSES (If applicable)	ZIP CODE	DATES OF OPERATION
699 ILLINOIS ST	94107	Start: 01/01/2007
		End: 09/15/2016

OTHER ADDRESSES (If applicable)	ZIP CODE	DATES OF OPERATION
PIER 45, SHED D-1	94133	Start: 09/15/2016
		End: n/a

OTHER ADDRESSES (If applicable)	ZIP CODE	DATES OF OPERATION
		Start:
		End:

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Section Three:

Disclosure Statement.

San Francisco Taxes, Business Registration, Licenses, Labor Laws and Public Information Release.

This section is verification that all San Francisco taxes, business registration and licenses are current and complete, and there are no current violations of San Francisco labor laws. This information will be verified. A business deemed not current with all San Francisco taxes, business registration and licenses, or has current violations of San Francisco labor laws, will not be eligible to apply for grants through the Legacy Business Program.

In addition, we are required to inform you that all information provided in the application will become subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act.

Please read the following statements and check each to indicate that you agree with the statement. Then sign below in the space provided.

- I am authorized to submit this application on behalf of the business.
- I attest that the business is current on all of its San Francisco tax obligations.
- I attest that the business's business registration and any applicable regulatory license(s) are current.
- I attest that the Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement (OLSE) has not determined that the business is currently in violation of any of the City's labor laws, and that the business does not owe any outstanding penalties or payments ordered by the OLSE.
- I understand that documents submitted with this application may be made available to the public for inspection and copying pursuant to the California Public Records Act and San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance.
- I hereby acknowledge and authorize that all photographs and images submitted as part of the application may be used by the City without compensation.
- I understand that the Small Business Commission may revoke the placement of the business on the Registry if it finds that the business no longer qualifies, and that placement on the Registry does not entitle the business to a grant of City funds.

HENRY ICHINOSE

Name (Print):

Date:

Signature:

ABS SEAFOOD

Section 4: Written Historical Narrative

CRITERION 1

a. Provide a short history of the business from the date the business opened in San Francisco to the present day, including the ownership history. For businesses with multiple locations, include the history of the original location in San Francisco (including whether it was the business's founding and or headquartered location) and the opening dates and locations of all other locations.

ABS Seafood Inc. (“ABS Seafood” or “ABS”) is a seafood distribution company and retail business located at Pier 45, Shed D-1, in San Francisco’s historical Fisherman’s Wharf. ABS Seafood started out as “ABS Fishing Company” in October 1965 by Hideo Ichinose and his brother Tokihide Ichinose. They were exporting abalone and sea urchin at the time, so they took the first letters and created ABS as the company name. In addition, they wanted to appear at the top in the Yellow Pages.

Hideo and Tokihide were immigrants from the Kyushu region in southern Japan. They came looking for opportunities in America after World War II due to the depressed Japanese economy and struggling infrastructure. When Hideo arrived in California, his first job was working on the farms in Fresno. He longed for the ocean and began migrating towards the coast, finding work such as cleaning houses and janitorial employment for Greyhound along the way. As he made his way to San Francisco, Hideo always kept his eyes on the sea, curious about what kind of bounty existed beneath the water.

Every year, herring would come into the San Francisco Bay to spawn and lay their eggs on seaweed and kelp. In Japan, this herring roe on kelp is called Komochi Kombu and is considered a delicacy. When the seagulls began a feeding frenzy on the waters near Sausalito, it was a sure sign the herring arrived. Hideo purchased a wetsuit and began diving into the waters to harvest this delicacy. After each dive, he would ship the resulting harvest to the famous and popular Tsukiji fish market in Japan. Hideo became the first exporter to offer Bay Area seafood at the Tsukiji market. The success of this first venture provided the funding and validation for the creation of ABS Fishing Company.

Riding this wave, Hideo was eager to explore what else the bay and surrounding ocean might have to offer. With a few exploratory dives, Hideo realized that the Pacific coast sea floor was covered with abalone and sea urchins. He recruited an experienced Japanese diver, but quickly learned that due to this diver’s unfamiliarity of the ecology and cold waters, his operations might be better suited with local fishing boats and fishermen. Hideo contacted a few he had met while harvesting herring roe and built a small team of divers, boats, and fishermen. This blending of local knowledge with foreign markets proved to be an invaluable business opportunity.

The early 1970s saw a Japanese food/sushi boom in the San Francisco Bay Area. Hideo was friends with many of the recent Japanese immigrants, several of whom had started their own restaurants. They knew that he was a fisherman so they asked him to try and acquire fresh ahi tuna for their sushi bars. At the time, ahi tuna was a specialty item that, due to limited demand, had an even more limited supply in the city. Hideo contacted a local seafood importer to set up the proper system for finding, quality testing, and processing tuna. Under Hideo's guidance, a new tuna business and industry was established in San Francisco. Hideo continued to work closely with his restaurant relationships and local fishing fleets for many years until his retirement, ensuring that the ABS name was synonymous with quality, variety, and sustainability.

ABS Seafood started out with the name of ABS Fishing Company Inc. in 1965 on 2141 Keith St in the Bayview neighborhood, then moved to 2 other locations within San Francisco (1600 Evans and 699 Illinois St), before coming to Pier 45 in 2016, where it is currently located today. The business name changed around 1995 since they weren't really a fishing company any longer.

Hideo and Tokihide transitioned the business to Hideo's son Henry Ichinose in 1993 due to illness. Henry has since been selling seafood to all the major restaurants and grocery stores not only in the Bay Area, but also to Sacramento and Salt Lake City.

ABS Seafood has been one of the top providers of fresh seafood to San Francisco for 56 years and has become a well-known favorite among people and businesses in the Bay Area.

b. Describe any circumstances that required the business to cease operations in San Francisco for more than six months?

ABS Seafood has not ceased operations in San Francisco since its founding in 1965.

c. Is the business a family-owned business? If so, give the generational history of the business.

Yes, ABS Seafood is a family owned business. Hideo Ichinose and his brother Tokihide Ichinose started the business in 1965, and then Hideo and Tokihide transferred ownership to Hideo's son, Henry Ichinose, in 1993, who is the present owner of the company.

d. Describe the ownership history when the business ownership is not the original owner or a family-owned business.

The ownership history of ABS Seafood is as follows:

1965 to 1993:	Hideo Ichinose and Tokihide Ichinose
1993 to Present:	Henry Ichinose

e. When the current ownership is not the original owner and has owned the business for less than 30 years, the applicant will need to provide documentation of the existence of the business prior to current ownership to verify it has been in operation for 30+ years. Please

use the list of supplemental documents and/or materials as a guide to help demonstrate the existence of the business prior to current ownership.

Documentation of the existence of the business verifying it has been in operation for 30+ years is provided in this Legacy Business Registry application.

f. Note any other special features of the business location, such as, if the property associated with the business is listed on a local, state, or federal historic resources registry.

The historic resource status of the building at Pier 45, Shed D-1 is classified by the Planning Department as Category B, Unknown / Age Eligible, with regard to the California Environmental Quality Act. The building is distinguished by its prime location towards the northern end of Pier 45, a historic working fishing pier.

CRITERION 2

a. Describe the business's contribution to the history and/or identity of the neighborhood, community or San Francisco.

ABS Seafood has contributed to the authentic identity of Fisherman's Wharf, working to ensure the fishing industry remains at the Wharf and Pier 45.

ABS Seafood was founded as ABS Fishing Company in 1965. The West Coast seafood industry was well established before Hideo ventured into the seafood industry, but he helped pioneer the Bay Area sea urchin industry, the herring roe harvest, and the abalone diving commercialization.

ABS Seafood sells seafood to major restaurants and grocery stores not only in the Bay Area, but also to Sacramento and Salt Lake City. Businesses such as Berkeley Bowl, Nijii-ya Supermarket Group, and Tokyo Fish rely on ABS Seafood as a consistent, high quality seafood source. ABS Seafood takes pride in sourcing their seafood from the best locations around the globe and are dedicated to maintaining the highest quality. Henry has placed an additional interest in ensuring that partners and suppliers are held to globally recognized sustainability standards for both wild caught and farming fisheries, as monitored by the Monterey Bay Seafood Watch.

b. Is the business (or has been) associated with significant events in the neighborhood, the city, or the business industry?

ABS Seafood had a booth in the Outer Sunset farmer's market every Sunday in 2020. ABS Seafood also held educational events such as in-person workshop events to educate the public on the difference between fresh and frozen tuna, and hosting the junior-high students of Marin County Day School and students of the ABC Preschool for a tour of the warehouse.

c. Has the business ever been referenced in an historical context? Such as in a business trade publication, media, or historical documents?

ABS Seafood has referenced in several publications and media, and has great reviews online:

- “Salty Snack” (newspaper article chronicling herring roe harvest in Sausalito)
The Desert Sun
April 5, 1975
Included in Legacy Business Registry application
- “Butchering Yellowtail Tuna at ABS Seafood”
Cooking Light
April 7, 2013
YouTube: <http://youtu.be/eDPYT0ovg-4>
- “Bay Area Bites Guide to 8 Great Places to Buy Fresh Fish”
KQED
August 25, 2015
<https://www.kqed.org/bayareabites/99587/bay-area-bites-guide-to-8-places-to-buy-fresh-fish>
- “Fresh sashimi-quality fish from ABS Seafood”
Farms FYI
April 4, 2020
<https://farm.substack.com/p/fresh-sashimi-quality-fish-from-abs>
- “Changing the Business Model During Pandemic Times”
CBS/KPIX TV news segment
April 22, 2020
- YELP reviews
<https://www.yelp.com/biz/abs-seafood-san-francisco?osq=abs%20seafood>
- Google reviews
<https://www.google.com/search?q=abs+seafood&oq=abs+s&aqs=chrome.69i59j46j69i57j0l2j69i60l3.1255j0j4&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8#lrd=0x808f7fc7a2a2477b:0x72391b1153d4d9eb,1>
- Chowhound review
Reviewer: vesper9
May 12, 2020
<https://www.chowhound.com/post/abs-seafood-1091310>

d. Is the business associated with a significant or historical person?

Tyler Florence of the Food Network and Caleb Zigas of La Cocina (which helps low-income food entrepreneurs grow their businesses) are customers of ABS Seafood.

e. How does the business demonstrate its commitment to the community?

ABS Seafood is very active in the community and donates funds and seafood to the following organizations, schools, and social programs:

- Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC) Tabemasho (restaurant groups fundraiser)
- Nihonmachi Little Friends School's annual sushi fundraiser
- ABC Preschool's auctions and fundraisers
- Boy Scouts Troop 29 crab feed fundraiser
- Boy Scouts Troop 58 chicken curry fundraisers and troop overnights

ABS Seafood has also worked with the San Francisco Sheriff's Department to try to provide jobs to people who were in a drug rehabilitation program.

ABS Seafood owner Henry Ichinose also participates in community meetings with the Japantown Task Force to give input regarding the future of the Japantown community.

f. Provide a description of the community the business serves.

ABS Seafood is one of the largest family owned seafood suppliers of restaurants in San Francisco, the greater Bay Area, and Sacramento. ABS also sells to grocery stores like Berkeley Bowl, Nijiiya, Tokyo Fish, Super Mira, and other non-Asian grocery stores such as Molly Stones, Draegers, and more. And as of 2020, Henry created a robust online presence for ABS Seafood under the name of "True Fish," selling directly to consumers in all parts of the Bay Area.

g. Is the business associated with a culturally significant building/structure/site/object/interior?

ABS Seafood operates on Pier 45 in the historic Fisherman's Wharf district. Pier 45 is the largest pier in the Embarcadero Historic District. It consists of a pier substructure on which four transit sheds are built.

h. How would the community be diminished if the business were to be sold, relocated, shut down, etc.?

If ABS Seafood ceased to exist, it would hurt many other smaller wholesale seafood companies, restaurants, and supermarkets that rely on their product deliveries, which would then be forced to source from outside of the Bay Area for similar items. Many online consumers would also lose out on getting a direct source of fresh seafood.

CRITERION 3

a. Describe the business and the essential features that define its character.

ABS Seafood sells sashimi-quality seafood products. ABS specializes in products from Japan such as hamachi, uni, and madai (tai snapper), and because of their strategic location they are also able to provide fresh, local seafood to their clients as well. ABS uses their large hoists to unload local Dungeness crab, halibut, and black cod. They are unique in that they are one of the few seafood companies that can import, unload, process, and distribute via multi-channels.

With the recent pandemic, ABS Seafood was able to turn around the business from primarily Business-to-Business to a Business-to-Consumer, by creating a new business line and online ordering system. This website and ensuing operations have opened opportunities for all Bay Area residents to enjoy high quality seafood at affordable prices. The online business was launched in a matter of weeks, and has since grown to be a very successful expansion of the business.

b. How does the business demonstrate a commitment to maintaining the historical traditions that define the business, and which of these traditions should not be changed in order to retain the businesses historical character? (e.g., business model, goods and services, craft, culinary, or art forms)

ABS Seafood is committed to maintaining its historical tradition as a seafood supplier as both wholesale to restaurants/markets and retail direct to consumers.

c. How has the business demonstrated a commitment to maintaining the special physical features that define the business? Describe any special exterior and interior physical characteristics of the space occupied by the business (e.g. signage, murals, architectural details, neon signs, etc.).

ABS Seafood is committed to maintaining its most special physical feature which is its prime location on Pier 45 where all of the largest seafood businesses of San Francisco are located. Another special feature are ABS Seafood's two, large hoists that allows them to unload seafood directly from local boats.

d. When the current ownership is not the original owner and has owned the business for less than 30 years; the applicant will need to provide documentation that demonstrates the current owner has maintained the physical features or traditions that define the business, including craft, culinary, or art forms. Please use the list of supplemental documents and/or materials as a guide to help demonstrate the existence of the business prior to current ownership.

Not applicable. ABS Seafood has been in the same family for the last 56 years.



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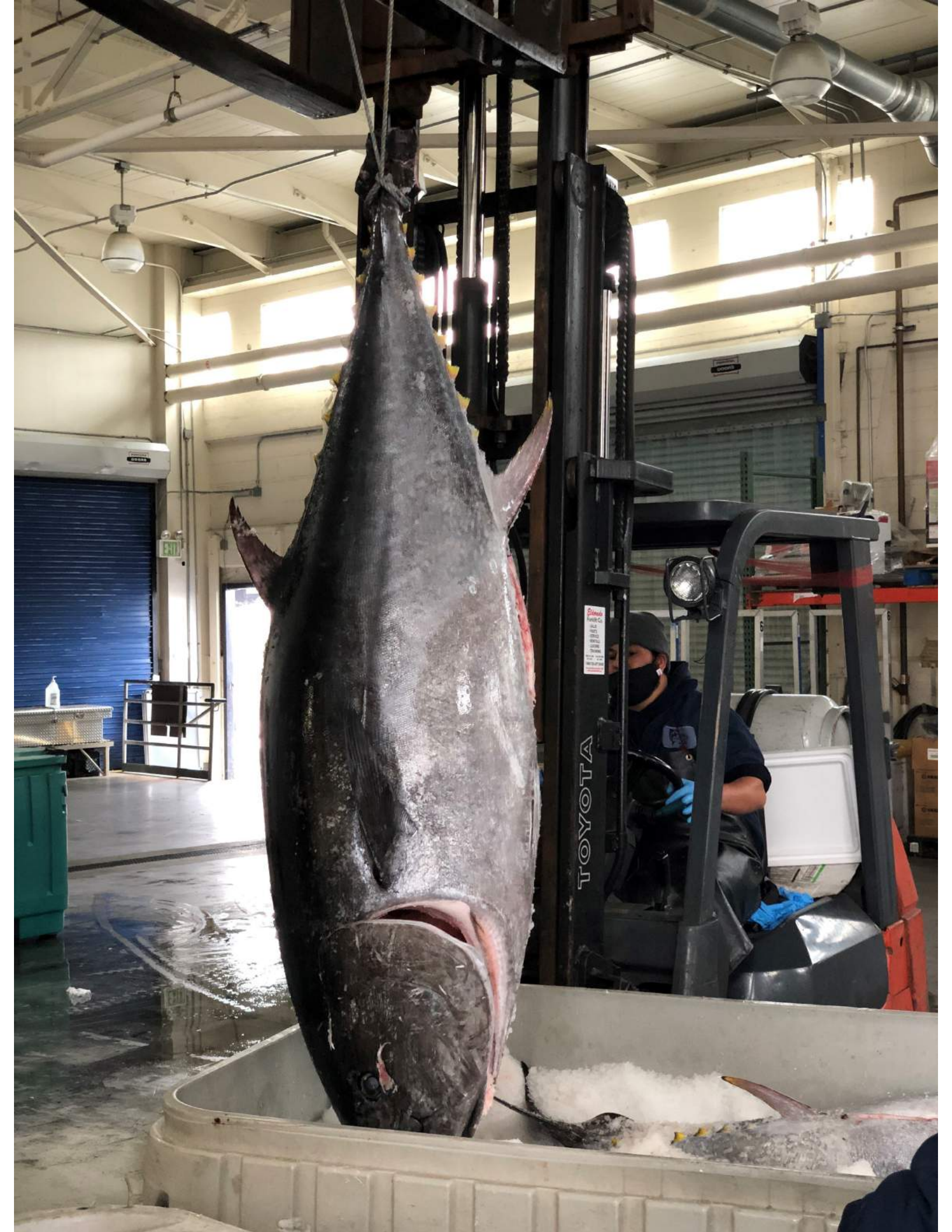
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TIMEOUT — Linda Hollar displays two timely items shown at the National Housewares Exposition in McCormick Place, Chicago. The helmet clock is just the thing to grace the wall of an avid football fan's den. (UPI Telephoto)

Adopting Acreage

RIVERSIDE (CNA) — The total net acreage adopted in agricultural preserves throughout Riverside County stands at 83,972.74 acres as of March 1975, compared with 78,173.47 acres in March, 1974.

An agricultural preserve status summary was presented to the County Board of Supervisors by Planning Director A.E. Newcomb.

The summary was prepared in cooperation with the county assessor's office.

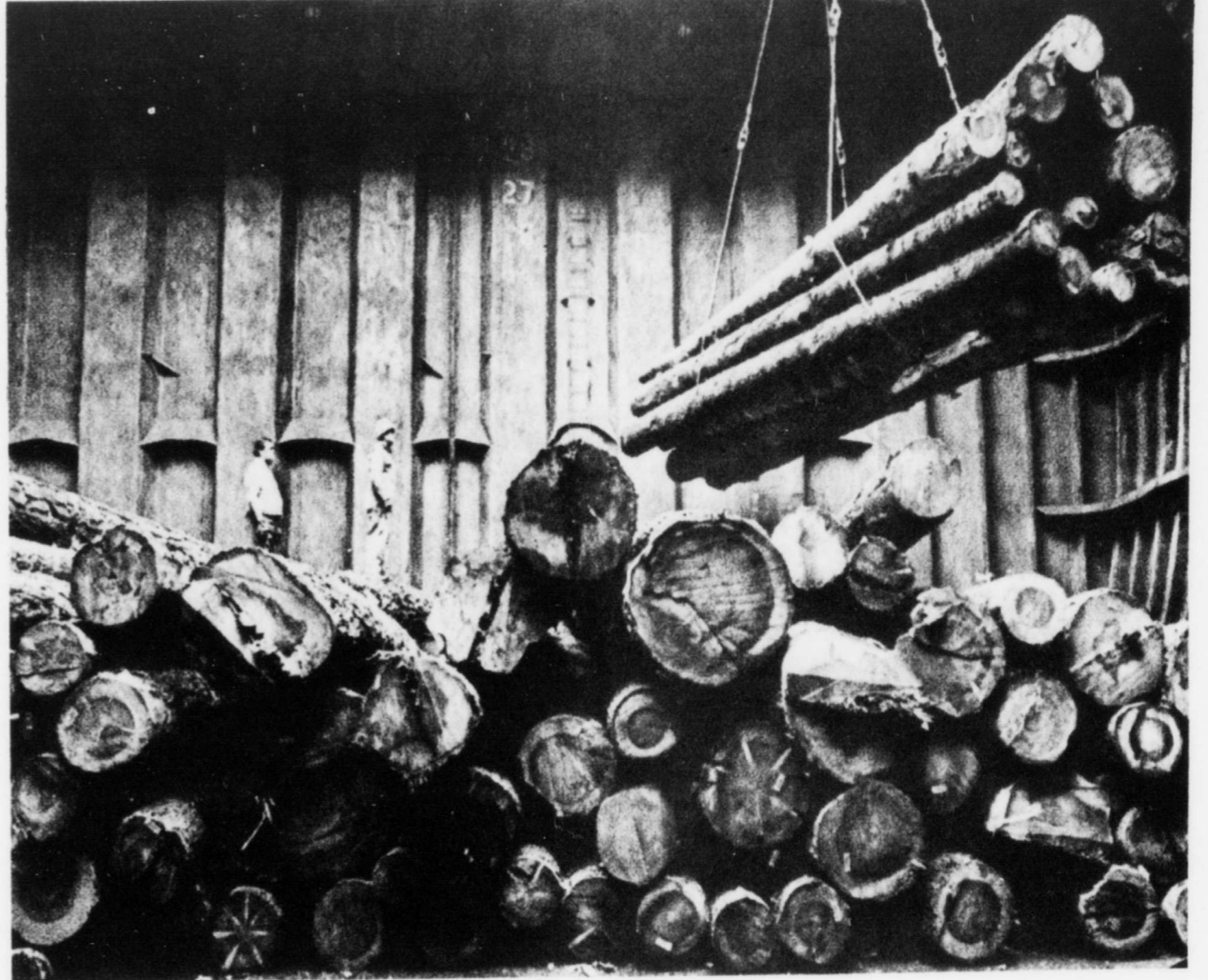
During the preceding year, the board processed 28 applications for preserves, five of which were denied.

Total net acreage in agricultural preserves under contract is listed at 74,503.18 acres, compared with 69,263.66 acres in 1974.

Total net acreage in agricultural preserves not under contract is listed at 9,469.56 acres, compared with 8,909.81 in 1974.

Licenses

High school students who have obtained a student driving license, points out the National Automobile Club, are allowed to drive only during their driver education course period.



FUTURE HOMES — Workmen are dwarfed by logs being loaded into a hold of the Senyo Maru. The 12,000-ton cargo of logs is to be used as lumber for home construction in Japan. (UPI Telephoto)



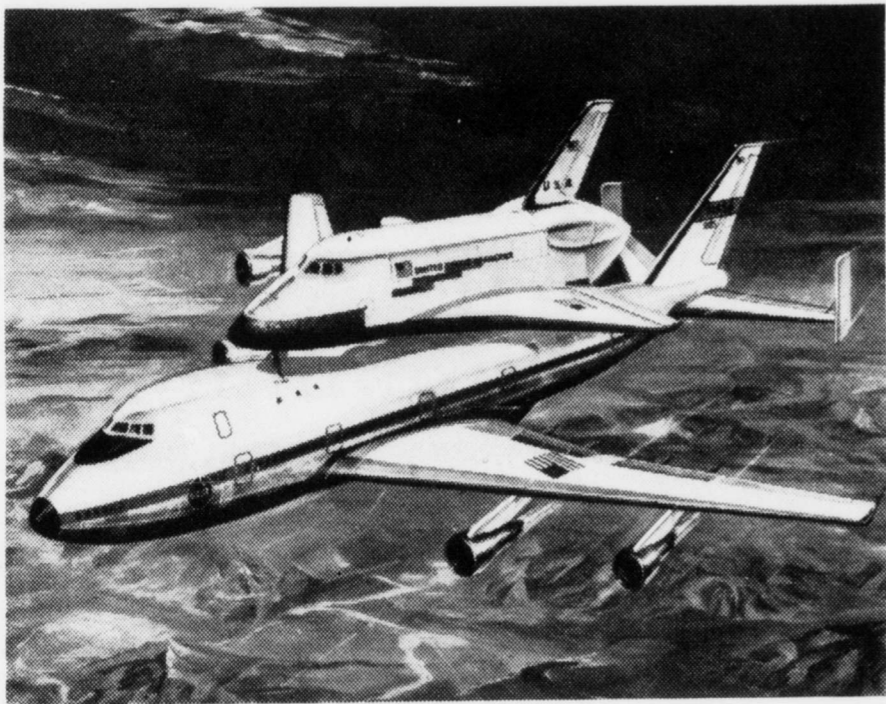
UP TO HIS EARS in snow, nine-year Denny Simons plods through almost four-foot drifts in a Bradford, Pa., parking yard after a blizzard struck the northern section of the Keystone State.



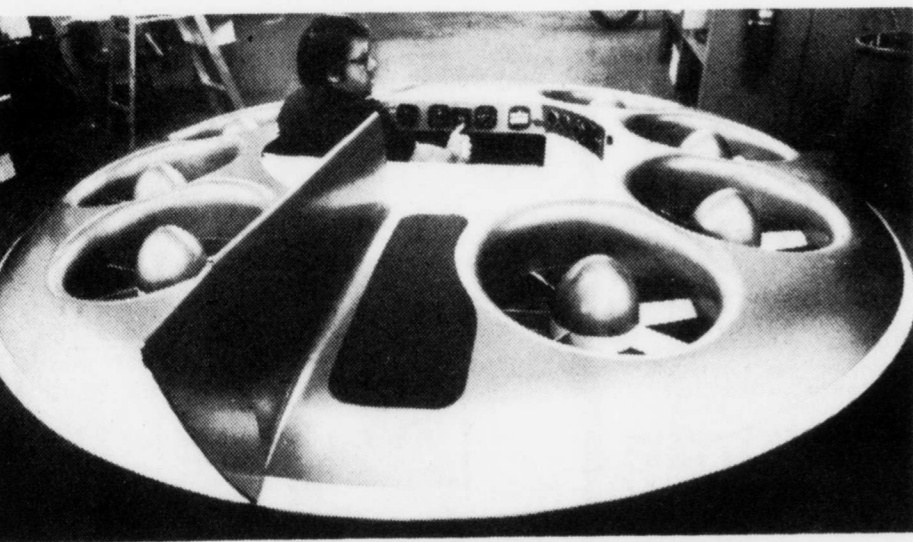
THAT'S GARLIC, all right, says this youngster after suffering a strong whiff of the potent herb when she thumbed through cookbook files of the Upper Arlington, Ohio, library's "Stick Your Nose in the Card Catalogue" program. The cards are treated with "Microfragrance," a chemical that releases the aroma of the card's subject when scratched. The library, now offering 60 smells, says the new program encourages greater use of the catalogues.



THAT ain't no commuter, that's the governor! Sitting inconspicuously and reading the morning newspaper, Gov. Ella T. Grasso of Connecticut rides the rails to Hartford every day like any other commuter.



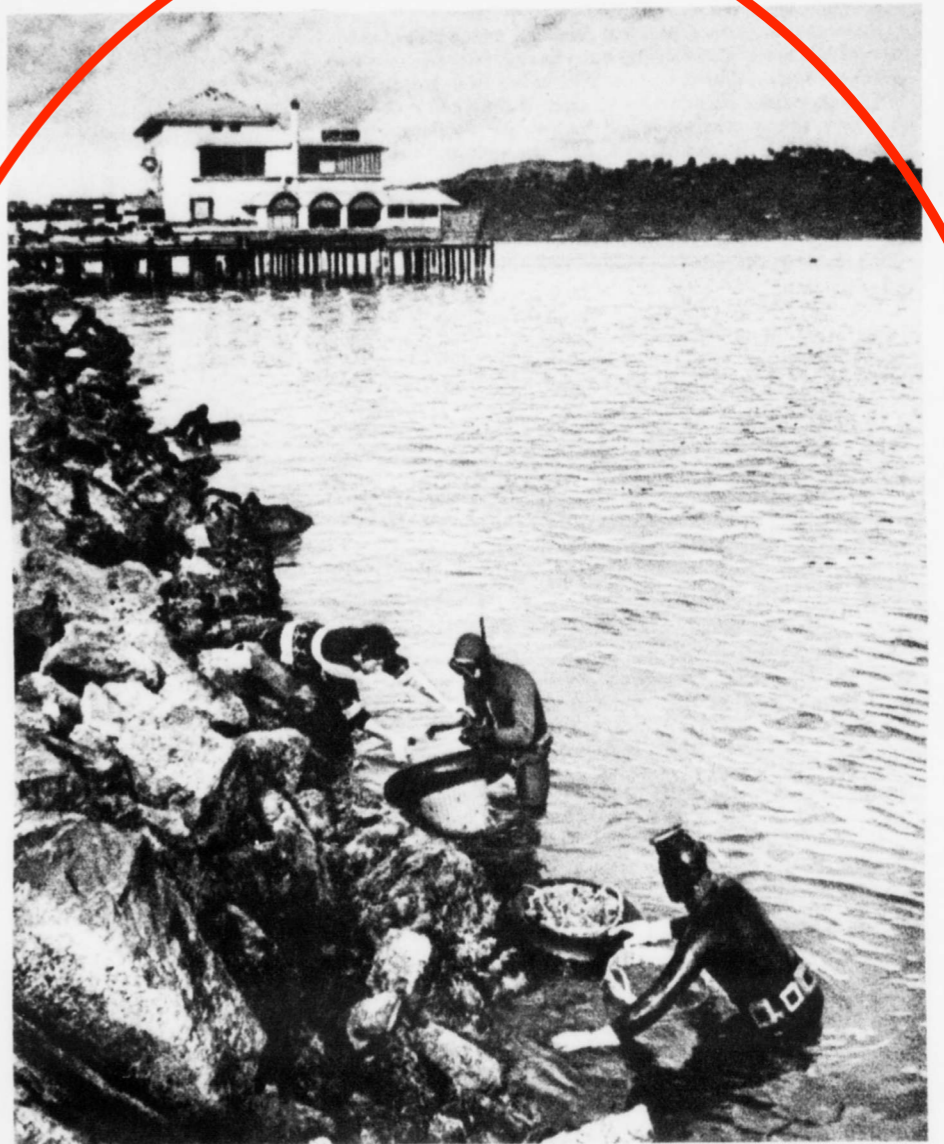
PIGGYBACK technique is planned for test flights of the space shuttle orbiter now under construction for the next big U.S. space effort. As depicted by a NASA artist, the orbiter would be carried atop a conventional jet to designated altitudes to be released for approach and landing tests.



IT'S REAL, it cruises at 165 mph, gets 16.5 miles to the gallon and for \$10,000, you can have your own flying saucer. The two-seat saucer, powered by eight 24-horsepower rotary engines, is the invention of Paul Moller, 38, former aeronautical engineer at the University of California.



MOTORCYCLE POLICE PERSONS are an impressive sight as they assemble before headquarters in Singapore where the all-women, 35-member squad was recently appointed.



SALTY SNACK — Skin divers take herring eggs and seaweed from rocks in San Francisco Bay near Ondine Restaurant in a commercial operation started by Tokihide Ichinose of San Francisco, who has the only commercial permit for

taking the roe from the bay. The roe and seaweed — steeped in a salt brine — is called Komochi Konbu and is a favorite snack in Japan. (UPI Telephoto)

MUSEUM LEAKS

CARSON CITY, Nev. (UPI) — Leaks in washroom fixtures of the state museum are sending drips into a mine beneath the museum that is popular with tourists, state officials said.

The plumbing bill to repair the fixtures, six toilets, will be about \$35,000 an assembly committee was told.

Legal Notice

No. 1308
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENGAGE IN THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Subject to issuance of the license applied for, notice is hereby given that the undersigned proposes to sell alcoholic beverages at the premises, described as follows:

200 W. Ramon Rd.
Palm Springs (IN)

Pursuant to such intention, the undersigned is applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for issuance of an alcoholic beverage license (or licenses) for these premises as follows:

ON SALE BEER & WINE EATING PLACE
MELVYN HABER

Published April 5, 1975.

No. 1301
NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING
(Case 5988-PD-53)

44 Space Addition to Parkview Mobile Estates

George Marantz
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Palm Springs, California, will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 16, 1975, at 1:30 p.m., in the City Council Chamber, 3200 Tahquitz-McCallum Way, Palm Springs.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider an application for a Planned Development District by George Marantz to allow a 44 space addition to the west side of Parkview Mobile Estates, a mobile home park, located at 393 West Mesquite Avenue, Palm Springs, Section 22.

Notice of this hearing is being sent to all property owners within four hundred (400) feet of the subject property, and an opportunity will be given at said hearing for all interested persons to be heard.

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
JOHN A. MANGIONE
City Planner
Published April 5, 1975.



FIRST MAJOR surgery ever attempted on a rhinoceros was accomplished at Iowa State University's Veterinary School when they operated for an intestinal obstruction on 5,000-pound Tiny. The 14-year-old rhino, a resident at Omaha's Henry Dooley Zoo, was anesthetized and operated on right on the floor.

Jay Peters To Attend

RIVERSIDE (CNA) — Assistant Personnel Director Jay R. Peters will attend the 1975 International Personnel Management Association Western Region Conference at the Holiday Inn, Santa Cruz, on April 16-18.

Estimated cost for lodging, registration, travel and meals is \$173.

Topics to be discussed at the conference include labor relations and affirmative action, affirmative action and women, affirmative action for the handicapped, upward mobility as an affirmative action component, legal means for reduction of the size of candidate group, variations in candidate certification practices, manpower program responsibility, and meeting organizational training needs with manpower funds.

The conference will keep Peters abreast of the latest developments in the field of public personnel administration, Personnel Director Michael Snuffin told the County Board of Supervisors.



Legacy Business Registry Executive Summary

HEARING DATE: MAY 19, 2021

Filing Date: April 21, 2021
Case No.: **2021-004010LBR**
Business Name: ABS Seafood, Inc.
Business Address: Pier 45 Shed D-1
Zoning: C-2 (Community Business) Zoning District
40-X Height and Bulk District
Block/Lot: 9900/045
Applicant: Henry Ichinose
Pier 45, Shed D-1
Nominated By: Supervisor Aaron Peskin
Located In: District 3
Staff Contact: Gretel Gunther – 628-652-7607
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Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution to Recommend Approval

Business Description

ABS Seafood, Inc. is a wholesale seafood distribution, supplier, and retail company opened originally by Japanese immigrants and brothers Hideo and Tokihide Ichinose at 2141 Keith Street in October 1965. ABS Seafood, Inc. sells a variety of products from both Japan and locally caught products from the Bay Area. At the time ABS Seafood, Inc. was established, there were few to no seafood distributors in San Francisco exporting local seafood to Japan. Today, ABS Seafood, Inc. remains one of the top wholesale and direct sale seafood distributors in San Francisco with customers in San Francisco, the Bay Area, the western United States, and Japan. ABS Seafood, Inc. has been owned and operated by the Ichinose family for the entirety of its 56 years in business.

ABS Seafood, Inc., originally known as ABS Fishing Company, Inc. first opened in 1965 at 2141 Keith Street in the Bayview neighborhood, focusing on the export of sea urchin and abalone. ABS Seafood, Inc. remained at 2141 Keith Street until 2004. ABS Seafood, Inc. remained at its second location at 1600 Evans Avenue for the next three years. The business moved again in 2007 to 699 Illinois Street, where it remained until 2016, when the company moved to its current location at Pier 45 Shed D-1. Though utilitarian and not easily accessed by pedestrians, Shed

D on Pier 45 is a natural home for ABS Seafood, Inc.'s operation as a wholesale seafood distributor, both from a logistical standpoint and with Fisherman's Wharf historic and lasting reputation as a seafood and fishing hub. ABS Seafood, Inc. offers an inventory of sashimi-quality products from Japan including, but not limited to, ahi tuna, hamachi, uni, and madai. Its inventory also includes locally caught products including Dungeness crab, halibut, and black cod. ABS Seafood, Inc. places a special emphasis on making sure its products are both fresh and that its partners and suppliers are held to global sustainable fishing standards.

ABS Seafood, Inc.'s combination of local knowledge, leveraging its oldest connections to local fishing boats and fishermen, and the Ichonise family's expertise in foreign markets, has allowed ABS Seafood, Inc. to remain in business over a span of 56 years and to establish a strong customer base in both the Bay Area and abroad. ABS Seafood, Inc.'s clients consist primarily of other businesses such as grocery stores, restaurants, and sellers of seafood products located in San Francisco and the greater Bay Area and Northern California, but reaching as far Salt Lake City domestically, and as far as Japan internationally. Recently, ABS Seafood, Inc. has also been able to sell its seafood directly to individual customers through its new online ordering service, "True Fish". Whether a large grocery store or an individual consumer, ABS Seafood, Inc. makes an effort to offer high quality seafood to its customers at an affordable price.

ABS Seafood, Inc. has continuously given back to San Francisco since its establishment, particularly the Japanese community of San Francisco. The store frequently donates seafood to events for various local organizations, schools, and programs including the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California's Tabemasho (restaurant groups fundraiser), Nihonmachi Little Friends School's annual sushi fundraiser, ABC Preschool's auctions and fundraisers, Boy Scouts Troop 29 crab feed fundraiser, and Boy Scouts Troop 58 chicken curry fundraisers and troop overnights, to name a few. ABS Seafood, Inc.'s current owner, Henry Ichonise is also an active member of the Japantown Taskforce.

The business's primary location, Pier 45 Shed D-1, is a Category A (Historic Resource Present) structure on the northwestern edge of Pier 45 on the Embarcadero between Taylor and Powell Streets. It is within a C-2 (Community Business) Zoning District and a 40-X Height and Bulk District. It is also within the Waterfront 1 Special Use District, the Northeast Waterfront Planning Area, and the Fisherman's Wharf Community Benefit District. Pier 45 Shed D-1 is also subject to the Fisherman's Wharf Public Realm Plan and is under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Port.

Staff Analysis

Review Criteria

1. *When was business founded?*

The business was founded in 1965.

2. *Does the business qualify for listing on the Legacy Business Registry? If so, how?*

Yes. ABS Seafood, Inc. qualifies for listing on the Legacy Business Registry because it meets all of the eligibility Criteria:

- a. ABS Seafood, Inc. has operated continuously in San Francisco for 56 years.

- b. ABS Seafood, Inc. has contributed to the history and identity of the Bayview and Fisherman's Wharf neighborhoods and San Francisco.
- c. ABS Seafood, Inc. is committed to maintaining the physical features and traditions that define the organization.

3. *Is the business associated with a culturally significant art/craft/cuisine/tradition?*

Yes. The business is associated with the fishing and seafood industry in San Francisco and Fisherman's Wharf. ABS Seafood is also associated with traditional cuisine from Japan, selling traditional Japanese sashimi products including hamachi, uni, madai, and ahi.

4. *Is the business or its building associated with significant events, persons, and/or architecture?*

Yes. Pier 45 Shed D is located within the National Register and California Register Port of San Francisco Embarcadero Historic Districts. The National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Port of San Francisco Embarcadero Historic District describes Pier 45 as the largest pier in the Embarcadero Historic District, consisting of a pier substructure on which four transit sheds are built. The substructure was built from 1926-1927 along with the Pier 45 Section of the bulkhead wharf. The four transit sheds, complete with their architectural fronts, were built from 1928-1929. Sheds A and B are located side-by side facing the Embarcadero, while sheds C and D are placed behind A and B. Sheds A and B have ornamental fronts, while C and D have plain fronts. Shed D was built with a lookout station on the roof at its outshore end. Each shed is constructed with a steel frame and pre-cast reinforced concrete walls. The rear walls of sheds C and D, which face the water, have very restrained architectural treatments which reflect the Gothic fronts of sheds A and B.

5. *Is the property associated with the business listed on a local, state, or federal historic resource registry?*

Yes. The business' primary location, located at Pier 45 Shed D-1, is in a one-story concrete Category A (Historic Resource Present) transit shed. Pier 45, including its four transit sheds, is a contributing resource to the National Register and California Register Port of San Francisco Embarcadero Historic Districts.

6. *Is the business mentioned in a local historic context statement?*

No, not as of the date of this Executive Summary.

7. *Has the business been cited in published literature, newspapers, journals, etc.?*

Yes. There have been a number of local features, articles, and television news stories on ABS Seafood, Inc. The business has been covered in local media, including articles and features in KQED, CBS/KPIX, *The Desert Sun*, and *Farms.fyi*, a Bay Area-based food blog that connects residents to local farmers and craft food makers. ABS Seafood, Inc. has also been featured in *Chowhound*, a national online resource for food enthusiasts.

Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business

Location(s) associated with the business:

Current Locations:

- Pier 45 Shed D-1 (2016 – Present)

Previous (No Longer Extant) Locations:

- 2141 Keith Street (1965 – 2004)
- 1600 Evans Avenue (2004 – 2007)
- 699 Illinois Street (2007-2016)

Recommended by Applicant

- Wholesale seafood distribution, supply, and retail company.
- Inventory of sashimi-quality products from Japan (including, but not limited to, ahi, hamachi, uni, and madaï).
- Inventory of locally caught products (including, but not limited to, Dungeness crab, halibut, and black cod).
- Location at Fisherman’s Wharf’s historic piers.
- “True Fish” – ABS Seafood, Inc.’s online ordering service for direct delivery to customers.
- ABS Seafood, Inc.’s two fishing boat hoists, allowing the unload of seafood directly from local boats.

Additional Recommended by Staff

- Use of sustainable fishing practices by company partners and suppliers.
- Engagement with San Francisco’s Japanese community and organizations.

Basis for Recommendation

The Department recommends the Historic Preservation Commission adopt a resolution recommending the business listed above be adopted by the Small Business Commission to the Legacy Business Registry.

ATTACHMENTS

Draft Resolution

Legacy Business Registry Application:

- Application Review Sheet
- Section 1 – Business / Applicant Information
- Section 2 – Business Location(s)
- Section 3 – Disclosure Statement
- Section 4 – Written Historical Narrative
 - Criterion 1 – History and Description of Business
 - Criterion 2 – Contribution to Local History
 - Criterion 3 – Business Characteristics
- Contextual Photographs and Background Documentation



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 1185

HEARING DATE: MAY 19, 2021

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Nominated By: Supervisor Aaron Peskin
Located In: District 3
Staff Contact: Gretel Gunther – 628-652-7607
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ADOPTING FINDINGS RECOMMENDING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY NOMINATION FOR ABS SEAFOOD, INC. CURRENTLY LOCATED AT PIER 45 SHED D-1, BLOCK/LOT 9900/045

WHEREAS, in accordance with Administrative Code Section 2A.242, the Office of Small Business maintains a registry of Legacy Businesses in San Francisco (the "Registry") to recognize that longstanding, community-serving businesses can be valuable cultural assets of the City and to be a tool for providing educational and promotional assistance to Legacy Businesses to encourage their continued viability and success; and

WHEREAS, the subject business has operated in San Francisco for 30 or more years, with no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years; and

WHEREAS, the subject business has contributed to the City's history and identity; and

WHEREAS, the subject business is committed to maintaining the traditions that define the business; and

WHEREAS, at a duly noticed public hearing held on May 19, 2021, the Historic Preservation Commission reviewed documents, correspondence and heard oral testimony on the Legacy Business Registry nomination.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby recommends that ABS Seafood, Inc., qualifies for the Legacy Business Registry under Administrative Code Section 2A.242(b)(2) as it has operated for 30 or more years and has continued to contribute to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby recommends safeguarding of the below listed physical features and traditions for ABS Seafood, Inc.

Location(s):

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- Use of sustainable fishing practices by company partners and suppliers.
- Engagement with San Francisco’s Japanese community and organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission’s findings and recommendations are made solely for the purpose of evaluating the subject business’s eligibility for the Legacy Business Registry, and the Historic Preservation Commission makes no finding that the subject property or any of its features constitutes a historical resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5(a).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby directs its Commission Secretary to transmit this Resolution and other pertinent materials in the case file 2021-004010LBR to the Office of Small Business on May 19, 2021.



Jonas P. Ionin
Commission Secretary

AYES: Nageswaran, Black, Foley, Johns, Pearlman, So

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSE: Matsuda

ADOPTED: May 19, 2021