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OLD MONTEREY FISHERMAN'S WHARF ASSOCIATION CONTINUES "WHARF WALKS AT MONTEREY'S OLD FISHERMAN'S WHARF" ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2013- WALKING TOURS WITH HISTORIAN TIM THOMAS

January 21, 2012, Monterey, CA. The Monterey Old Fisherman's Wharf Association continues to team up with noted Monterey Bay Fisheries Historian and author, Tim Thomas, who is offering monthly "Wharf Walks" -Walking Tours at Old Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey (www.montereywharf.com) on the first Saturday of every month from 10:00 AM – Noon. Wharf Walks continues on Saturday, February 2nd with "Monterey Old Fisherman's Wharf Walk: Focus on the Japanese Fishermen of Monterey." Tours meet at the head of Old Fisherman's Wharf (near the pink "Harbor House" store, #1 Old Fisherman's Wharf, Monterey. Advance reservations are required by calling Tim Thomas at (831) 521-3304 or via email timsardine@yahoo.com. The tour is for ages 10–adult only and the cost is \$20 for adults and kids are \$15 (10-15 years). Group Rates are also available.

For thousands of years people have made their living fishing the Monterey Bay, beginning with the Rumsien Ohlone, the Native People of the Monterey area. From abalone to rockfish, everything was fished and utilized and the Monterey Bay was a multi-cultural stew, made up of whalers from the Azores, squid fishermen from China, salmon fishermen and abalone divers from Japan, and Sicilians fishing sardines in the "dark of the moon." This entertaining tour of Old Fisherman's Wharf and the waterfront will take us back in time to explore the history of the Monterey Wharf, early history of the Monterey waterfront, The Rumsien/Ohlone People--Monterey's first fishermen, the abalone industry, whaling the bay and of course, the legendary sardine industry. Discover some of the people and cultures of Monterey's colorful past and hear fascinating stories about Old Fisherman's Wharf and those who worked and walked there. Learn more about the sardine and squid industry, too.

Tim Thomas, fourth-generation native of the Monterey area, is a popular speaker and lively tour guide. For 16 years, he was historian and curator for the Monterey Maritime & History Museum and has worked with the Monterey Bay Aquarium, California State Parks and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. He is author of "The Japanese on the Monterey Peninsula" and co-author of "Monterey's Waterfront."

For more information, go to www.montereywharf.com

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