

THEN AND NOW



Bay's Post Office, its general store, salt water baths, and a dance hall called "The Blue Room" served the growing community. A boarding house (Bay Hotel) operated during the war served as temporary quarters for troops protecting the coast. Today, Diekmann's Bay Store can be found there. Second homes cropped up for land lubbers escaping inland heat.

By the 1960's, wrapping around the highway curve, the Firehouse stood on the left side of the road followed by the hangout called the Dry Dock, preferred by deckhands. It's the same place where Sophie and Rick Powers' Boat House serves Fish & Chips today.

Across from the Dry Dock, the new Grange Hall representing Fishermen as farmers of the sea served the Fishermen's Marketing Association. Across from the Grange, Pelican Plaza once a gas station, came later. ■



Arthur Charles Colombo "Tooch" Oct. 20, 1935 - Feb. 23, 2024

Arthur Charles Colombo "Tooch" peacefully passed away in his home on February 23, 2024. Born on October 20, 1935 in Santa Rosa, Tooch spent his formative years on the family ranch in Bodega. Dedicating over 50 years to a successful career as a butcher, and later as an elder of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria.

In remembering Tooch and his heritage in the Coastal Miwok Native American tribe, his contributions to the communities he served will be greatly missed. Growing up in Bodega Bay and fishing the northern California rivers, Tooch's love for the outdoors including being featured in the movie "Rivers of the Lost Coast," where he shared the screen with the nation's top fly fishermen. Beyond his passion for fishing, Tooch was an avid hunter, exploring the wilderness not only in California but also in Montana. His adventurous spirit and connection to the natural world added a rich layer to the tapestry of his life. ■

