

“In towns where the fishing community had to share space with society, all too often the fisher town became an area of that town in itself, a separate quarter, usually at one end, where the councils found they were able to push the fishers, boats, gear and all. And so the fishing communities grew from their own blood, marriages between fisher families being the norm, although sometimes they mixed with other fishers from along the coast. They became apart from the rest of us, their lives wholly dependent on the sea and the shoals they sought in earnest, working by night, sleeping by day.”

— From *Herring: A History of the Silver Darlings*
by Mike Smylie

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