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## Topics for Coding Interview Content

These **topics** are used to code each interview for content when an interview is uploaded to the Voices from the Fisheries Database. The bolded words are the major topic categories; the unbolded words are the topic areas falling under each major topic area. When someone searches the Voices Database for interviews that contain information that interests them, they will use these topics to locate those interviews.

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### Role

Commercial fisherman (captain/crew)  
 Recreational fishermen (charter, guide, party boat operator/crew)  
 Recreational fisherman -angler  
 Subsistence fisherman/harvester  
 Dealer/wholesaler  
 Processor owner/operator/worker  
 Shoreside business owner/operator  
 Tourism operator  
 Manager/ Policymaker  
 Fisheries Biologist (all kinds)  
 Social Scientist (all kinds)  
 Other scientist  
 Family member  
 Community leader  
 General public  
 Other role

### General Social and Cultural Characteristics

Gender roles  
 Family, family roles, family organization  
 Social networks (family, friends, neighbors, co-workers)  
 Community (structure and organization)  
 Sources of prestige, rank, status  
 Social stratification  
 Ethnicity, ethnic identity  
 Education (schools, other resources)  
 Health care resources, practices  
 Foodways and practices  
 Values  
 Beliefs and belief systems (religion, health, and other)  
 Religious Practices (rituals, magic, taboos, avoidance, and other)  
 Festivals, ceremonies, tournaments

Leisure time activities (includes recreation, entertainment, sports)  
 Music & Dance  
 Arts & crafts  
 Language, terminology / vocabulary / folk taxonomy  
 Place names  
 Other general social & cultural characteristics

### Social and Cultural Characteristics of Fishing

Life aboard a fishing vessel  
 Relationships with other fishermen  
 Fishing territories  
 Informal rules and regulations  
 Informal allocation systems  
 Safety practices and beliefs  
 Socialization/training to be a fisherman  
 Other social & cultural characteristics of fishing

### Gear & Fishing Technology

Pots and traps  
 Gill net, trammel net  
 Seine  
 Weir  
 Trawl  
 Hook and line  
 Dredge  
 Tongs, rakes, scrapes  
 Spears, harpoons  
 Boats, ships, vessels  
 Other gear & technology

### Business and Economics of Fishing & Other Maritime

Making a living  
 Seasonal round of fishing  
 Family involvement

Business organization  
 Costs/operating expenses  
 Earnings/Revenue/Profitability  
 Business risks  
 Financing and investment (short and long term)  
 Competition (domestic and foreign)  
 Shoreside support services (docks, repair, etc.)  
 Obtaining supplies (fuel, bait, ice, gear, etc)  
 Selling/marketing the catch  
 Fish processing/processor employment  
 Business and economic effects of regulations  
 Contributions to local economy  
 Importance to local community/region  
 Off-season occupations and activities  
 Retirement  
 Ports, harbors, marinas  
 Ship construction, shipbuilding  
 Aquaculture  
 Seafood safety  
 Seafood Retail (e.g., restaurants, services)  
 Tourism, ecotourism  
 Other business or economics of fishing

**Fisheries Management**

Management legislation  
 Management institutions  
 Management approaches/practices  
 Co-management, community-based management  
 Regulations  
 Permits / Licenses  
 Bycatch  
 Conservation measures  
 Invasive species  
 Endangered, protected or threatened species  
 Marine Protected Areas  
 Technical assistance  
 Enforcement  
 Observers  
 International treaties and agreements  
 Other fisheries management

**Habitat and Other Environmental Characteristics**

Environmental change  
 Unusual environmental phenomena or events  
 Weather  
 Climate, climate change  
 Currents, tides  
 Water quality

Habitat  
 Ocean habitat  
 Fresh water habitat  
 Coastal zone habitat  
 Aquatic ecosystems  
 Fishing banks  
 Other habitat & environmental characteristics

**Species Type**

Fish – General  
 Salmon (all kinds)  
 Groundfish (e.g., rockfish, cod, haddock, halibut, sole)  
 Highly migratory species (e.g., tuna, billfish/swordfish, dorado/mahi-mahi)  
 Coastal pelagic species (e.g., anchovy, herring, mackerel)  
 Sharks, skates, rays  
 Lobster, crab, shrimp  
 Shellfish (e.g., scallops, mussels, clams, oysters)  
 Sea urchins, sea cucumbers, sea stars  
 Squid, octopus  
 Jellyfish  
 Sea turtles  
 Marine mammals  
 Sea birds, Shore birds  
 Seaweed and algae  
 Corals, sponges  
 Worms  
 Other species

**Species Characteristics**

Current population, stock size  
 Historic population, stock size  
 Current distribution, range  
 Historic distribution, range  
 Migration routes and seasonal patterns  
 Spawning areas, breeding grounds  
 Nursery areas  
 Life cycle stages (e.g., egg, larvae, juvenile, adult)  
 Behavior  
 Species interactions  
 Extinct species, extinction  
 Unusual species characteristics, abnormalities  
 Other species characteristics

**Other key word – FILL IN**

