

Project	MASGC- Preserving Oral Histories of Waterfront-Related Pursuits in Bayou La Batre
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09:23:48:21 When heyday of Bayou La Batre was and what it was like to be a part of it/grow up in it

09:24:39:00 Buying shrimp by the barrel, price of shrimp going up

09:25:27:23 Shrimping industry changing from family business to investors buying boats to earn profits

09:26:00:00 Current condition/trend in shrimping industry

09:26:52:00 Fuel prices

09:26:57:00 Decline in BLB seafood industry

09:27:27:00 Competing against the world (seafood imports)

09:27:48:00 What can be done to change the decline in the seafood industry (survival of the fittest)

09:29:26:21 Close community/families and family values/traditions in BLB

10:00:08:00 Discussion about his (Rodney Lyons) children and their involvement in the seafood business

10:00:39:01 Decline in seafood industry tradition being passed down within families involved in the industry

10:02:22:08 Fascination/closeness with being on the water

10:03:04:17 Relations of families left on land (wives, kids) when husbands/fathers are out on shrimping trips (past versus present)

10:03:42:00 The “golden days” of Bayou La Batre, what it was like growing up during

10:05:55:20 Bayou La Batre today

10:06:35:00 Effects of regulations on the seafood industry (past and present), shrimp fishermen getting bad press

10:08:34:00 Fleet blessing

10:09:42:00 When/how quickly regulations began to effect the seafood industry/ fleet blessing

10:10:26:00 Other causes of decline in seafood industry/ fleet blessing

10:12:10:00 What he (Rodney Lyons) sees for his children/grandchildren future

10:12:45:00 Ideas on what Bayou La Batre needs to stop decline and to encourage growth

10:16:11:00 Importance of a working waterfront in Bayou La Batre for people in the Bayou

10:17:00:00 Type of growth that would be good in Bayou La Batre

10:22:05:00 Shot of Rodney Lyons sitting on the waterfront

10:22:42:00 End of interview/ close up of anchor on shrimp boat

10:22:59:00 Close up of the name of a shrimp boat

10:23:17:03 Close up of shrimp net and flag waving in the wind

10:24:34:10 Shrimp boats tied up at Lyons Seafood

10:24:49:27 Looking south from Lyons Seafood at a shrimp boat on Snake Bayou

10:25:44:00 Standing at Lyons Seafood looking across Snake Bayou

10:26:43:00 Shrimper working on nets on a boat

