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Recording Log

Interviewee: Clyde Brown, fisherman, lifelong resident of Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, environmental advocate

Interviewer: Barbara Hester

Date of recording: January 18, 2012

Recording format/notes: Recorded digitally in two files at Mr. Brown's home.

Recording length: 2 hours and 20 minutes

Location: Mr. Floyd's home

Subjects/Topics: Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, fishing, Great Depression, making nets, shrimping, oysters, Bayou Heron, Pecan, Mississippi, Clark Seafood, fishing boats, regulations, advocating for preserving Grand Bay NERR, trammel nets, International Paper Company, EPA Gulf of Mexico Program, TEDs, turtles, reseeded oyster reefs, dredging, duck hunting, pecan pie, red snapper, mullet, loss of wetlands, dead zone in Gulf of Mexico, farm runoff into Mississippi River Watershed/Gulf of Mexico, pollution, BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Disaster, speckled trout, tourism, Hurricane Katrina, Bonnet Carre Spillway, Morganza Spillway, Nine Mile Lake Stream, conchs, finfishing, fish excluder devices, Chesapeake Bay, brown pelicans, restoring barrier islands

Time/ Counter	Topic
Track 1 of 2 0:01:29.0	Commercial fishing, circa 1949
0:02:57.4	Father's commercial fishing, circa Great Depression
0:04:44.7	Four-net hauls
0:04:51.4	Species of fish caught by father
0:05:29.5	Beginning of shrimping in his area
0:05:43.1	Oystering, circa 1930s, Bayou Heron, Grande Batture Islands, Mississippi
0:06:32.9	Fishing in row boats
0:06:48.1	Unloading fish at camp on Bayou Heron
0:07:48.1	Shipping fish on train in salt barrels

0:07:51.4	Clark Seafood
0:10:10.6	Fishing boats, circa 1930s
0:12:11.7	Hard life of fisherman, circa 1947
0:12:14.1	Regulations
0:13:11.6	Fishing as a hobby after retiring
0:13:30.3	Need for fresh seafood
0:13:57.7	Regulation
0:14:43.3	Beginning advocating for preservation of wetlands/Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
0:15:26.3	Small, one-man oyster shop
0:16:26.5	Inspections
0:17:25.9	Trammel nets
0:18:26.5	Regulations
0:18:47.4	Costs of commercial fishing
0:19:39.9	Working for International Paper Company
0:22:58.7	Running linen nets in the bayou
0:34:54.2	Big money in 1949, big catch
0:24:28.7	Environmental Protection Agency Gulf of Mexico Program
0:25:26.2	TEDs
0:26:12.7	Oyster reefs
0:27:00.8	Environmental Protection Agency Gulf of Mexico Program
0:28:26.7	Oyster relay project
0:31:03.7	Bayou Heron, dredging a boat channel

0:35:34.3	Duck hunters in Bayou Heron
0:37:32.2	Launch and fishing dock on Bayou Heron
0:39:46.2	Advocating to preserve marsh, Grand Bay, 1979
0:41:10.1	Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
0:42:23.8	National Environmental Hero Award to Clyde Brown
0:47:11.9	Pecan pie layover
0:49:16.9	Advocating to preserve Grand Bay marshlands
0:50:18.5	Fading of commercial fishing
0:50:26.9	Red snapper
0:50:28.1	Mullet
0:50:38.5	Regulations
0:52:08.4	Environmental Protection Agency Gulf of Mexico Program
0:52:30.7	Loss of wetlands in Louisiana, dead zone in Gulf of Mexico
0:54:15.9	Pollutants in Mississippi River that go into the Gulf of Mexico
0:55:45.2	Best management practices regarding farm runoff into Mississippi River
0:56:40.8	Help for seafood industry form best management practices regarding six-inch yokers
0:57:01.2	BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster
0:57:35.6	Bigger speckled trout
0:57:46.5	Regulations
0:58:37.3	Tourism
0:59:41.0	Hurricane Katrina
1:00:51.4	Insurance issues

1:01:45.1	Seafood processors
1:02:39.1	Hurricane Rita
1:04:15.5	Hurricane Katrina
1:04:55.0	Fishing boats become homes after Katrina
1:05:33.6	Reciprocal license agreements
1:05:46.1	Debris in wetlands, Gulf, after Katrina prevented fishing
1:06:47.1	Oyster reefs after Katrina
1:07:01.1	Hook-and-line fishermen
1:07:49.7	BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster
1:09:15.1	Bonnet Carre Spillway
1:09:20.0	Oyster reefs after Bonnet Carre Spillway opened
1:09:36.3	Morganza Spillway dumps freshwater in Gulf of Mexico
1:10:51.0	Worries of fishermen after BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster
1:11:36.5	Currents helped Mississippi seafood after BP Deepwater Horizon leak
1:11:49.9	Grand Bay NERR after BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster
1:12:59.2	Short-term and long-term impacts of BP Horizon oil disaster in Gulf of Mexico, wetlands
1:14:53.9	Importance of preexisting data for wetlands
1:15:22.2	Mitigation for oil spill on Mississippi Gulf Coast
1:17:22.0	Bleak outlook for commercial fishing in the area
1:19:01.1	Relocate inhabitants out of way of hurricanes, floods
Track 2 of 2 0:00:23.2	TEDs, turtles
0:00:34.2	Great Depression

0:02:25.1	Regulations
0:03:42.4	Oysters, freshwater diversion
0:04:34.5	Freshwater diversion causes floods
0:07:12.6	Nine Mile Lake Stream, circa 1934
0:07:30.0	Oysters
0:08:10.7	Conchs
0:09:44.4	Evolution of oyster-gathering; hooking up Old Nellie to the wagon
0:11:07.8	Reseeding oyster reefs, circa 1980s
0:12:14.9	Health of oysters, circa 2012
0:12:24.9	Pollution
0:14:13.4	Regulations
0:14:25.4	Reciprocal agreements among states
0:15:05.9	Dredgers of oysters versus tongers of oysters
0:16:42.9	Mud oysters in shallow water
0:17:37.4	Pollution of oyster reefs
0:17:44.6	Runoff in Harrison and Hancock Counties
0:21:09.4	Pecan, Mississippi stories
0:22:04.7	Opening railroad gate for fishermen as a child
0:25:17.0	8000-acre expansion of Grand Bay NERR
0:26:15.9	Early dairy in Pecan, Mississippi
0:28:01.1	Finfishing and net-hanging in his boyhood in Grand Bay NERR
0:30:22.0	Black bear hunt
0:32:49.1	Building boats in backyards

0:37:45.6	TEDs and fish excluders
0:38:05.1	Leatherback turtle
0:39:19.5	Chesapeake Bay
0:40:25.3	Gulf of Mexico Program, donations to Grand Bay NERR
0:42:54.4	Brown pelicans
0:45:11.4	Building islands, offshore barriers
0:49:27.4	Grand Bay NERR partnerships with post-secondary education institutions