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Recording Log

Interviewee: Peter Floyd, resident of Mississippi, net-maker, commercial fisherman on Mississippi Gulf Coast

Interviewers: Barbara Hester and Louis Kyriakoudes

Date of recording: October 6, 2011

Recording format/notes: Recorded digitally in one file at Mr. Floyd's home

Recording length: 1 hour and 15 minutes

Location: Mr. Floyd's home on Mississippi Gulf Coast

Subjects/Topics: Family, childhood spent at sea, commercial shrimping and fishing, working for NOAA, crabbing as a child, sea turtles, working for University of Georgia Marine Extension, working at a seaquarium in Skidaway Island, Georgia, closing of fishing areas, working as fireman, media's demonizing fishermen, research surveys of sea life, Mississippi Sound, Gulf of Mexico, over-regulation of fishing industry, need for regulation of oil industry drilling in the Gulf of Mexico, gill nets, bycatch, bait fish, marketing catch, snakes, turtles, making and repairing nets, multigenerational fishing in his family, Bonnet Carre Spillway, Hurricane Katrina, net ban, cast nets, hook-and-line fishing, casinos, aquaculture, sport fishing, issues regarding degradation of environment, BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Disaster, BP's Vessels of Opportunity program, fish quotas

Time/ Counter	Topic
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0:02:010	Mother documented fisheries histories in Florida
0:03:51.1	Started fishing on father's shrimp boats
0:04:20.0	Father's fishing background, work for NOAA
0:05:50.7	Fishing with father as a child
0:06:02.3	Crabbing as a child
0:09:01.4	Catching a loggerhead sea turtle as a child
0:10:25.4	Working on a seagoing shrimp boat in Honduras at age 13
0:13:27.8	Research technician, University of Georgia Marine Extension, duties
0:14:30.0	Using field guide at age 6 to identify turtles, snakes

0:14:52.6	Working at seaquarium, Skidaway Island, Georgia
0:15:42.5	Back to Mississippi, full-time fishing
0:17:04.0	Some fishing areas closed
0:18:06.3	Working at fire station
0:19:31.5	Fishing as “wonderful blessing”
0:20:12.8	Fishermen erroneously portrayed as killers of sea life
0:22:04.1	Working on research surveys
0:22:54.9	Abundance of life in the Mississippi Sound, Gulf of Mexico
0:24:12.9	Millions of dollars lost to Mississippi when fishermen can’t fish, over-regulation
0:25:15.1	Fish that Floyd targets
0:25:21.4	Gill nets
0:26:32.0	Sale of bycatch as bait
0:26:54.3	Selling catch
0:29:05.5	Typical day fishing, doing research, finding fish by their aroma
0:31:57.0	Alabama Red-belly Turtle
0:34:44.4	Making nets
0:36:18.4	Multigenerational teaching of fishing in his family
0:37:37.1	Opening Bonnet Carre Spillway, freshwater in Mississippi Sound, salinity affected, fish affected
0:38:09.2	Hurricane Katrina
0:41:17.4	Net ban, over-regulation
0:42:31.4	Multigenerational teaching of fishing in his family
0:42:52.1	Fishing with hook and line and cast nets

0:44:22.7	Speckled trout outsmart nets
0:45:14.3	Hardhead catfish
0:45:43.0	Casinos' effects on commercial fishing
0:46:18.7	Fishermen's access to markets
0:46:37.0	Aquaculture
0:46:57.9	Sport-fishing industry
0:47:41.3	Illegal fish sold
0:48:31.7	Effects of putting fishermen out of business
0:49:36.9	Aquaculture and degradation of environment
0:52:45.0	BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster
0:54:20.2	Floyd's confidence in sea life surviving oil spill
0:54:52.9	Media coverage of oil spill
0:56:05.3	Deregulation of oil-drilling industry caused oil spill
0:56:37.1	Working for BP's Vessels of Opportunity, corruption
1:00:54.3	Fishing species present in Mississippi Sound/Gulf of Mexico when Deepwater Horizon oil spilled
1:03:42.8	Dredging's effect on fishing
1:07:54.4	Oil spilled in a peak year for high fish populations
1:09:05.6	Speckled trout quota in 2011
1:11:55.9	Mr. Floyd's mother