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Recording Log

Interviewee: George Jackson, commercial fisherman, Louisiana wetlands

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Recording format/notes: Recorded digitally in one file.

Recording length: 1 hour, 23 minutes

Location: Islenos Heritage and Cultural Museum,

Subjects/Topics: Commercial fishing, multigenerational fishing family, species gathered/seen, crabbing, regulations, Gulf Coast Conservation Activists, species overpopulation, overfishing, marketing catch, shrimp, costs of fishing, salinity issues, barrier islands, disappearing wetlands, need to rebuild wetlands, saltwater intrusion into wetlands, testing food safety of seafood, finfishing, gillnets, BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster, Corexit dispersant, Vessels of Opportunity, lost-income claim against BP, Hurricane Katrina of 2005, changes in equipment and techniques, boats, oysters, spillways, crab traps, shrimp nets, night fishing, invasive species, squalls

Time/ Counter	Topic
Track 1 of 1 0:01:04.5	Occupation, commercial fisherman
0:01:14.7	Multigenerational fishing family
0:01:58.6	Species caught
0:02:20.7	Fishing with father, learning to fish
0:02:27.2	Crabbing
0:03:16.4	Commercial fishing as a dying industry
0:03:22.3	Regulations
0:03:34.3	Gulf Coast Conservation Activists
0:04:02.4	Overpopulation of some species creates shortage of other species
0:04:21.3	Regulations

0:05:06.8	Crabs being overfished
0:05:41.7	Marketing crabs
0:06:06.3	Regulations
0:06:23.4	No shrimp
0:06:34.1	High cost of fuel
0:06:41.2	Salinity issues, size of shrimp caught
0:08:05.9	Appraisal of Wildlife and Fisheries
0:08:31.5	Advice to Wildlife and Fisheries
0:09:44.9	Regulations, shrimp
0:10:11.1	Barrier islands, building back wetlands is failing
0:11:24.1	Floating grass instead of land in wetlands
0:11:35.3	Need top put barrier islands back, stopping saltwater intruding into wetlands
0:12:52.9	Wetlands as protection for New Orleans, fishermen disvalued
0:13:31.2	Channels cut in wetlands cause saltwater intrusion
0:14:01.7	Regulations, moratorium on number of fishermen
0:14:36.5	Wildlife and Fisheries' shrimp testing
0:15:36.8	Marketing catch, prices paid for catch
0:17:44.0	Regulations, hook-and-line fishing for finfish
0:18:06.5	Loss of estuary, too many licenses, too many fishermen
0:18:37.2	Overfishing baby crabs
0:19:43.5	Regulations
0:20:13.1	Gillnets

0:21:03.2	Crab fishing worst in forty years
0:21:10.8	BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster, effect on crabs, shrimp
0:22:36.5	Abnormalities in shrimp, crabs after BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster
0:24:21.5	Working for BP
0:24:35.3	Illness after exposure to dispersant Corexit
0:25:45.7	Vessels of Opportunity
0:26:14.8	Use of dispersant, oil still on bottom of sea
0:26:49.6	Lost-income claim against BP
0:30:02.7	Hurricane Katrina, BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster
0:32:15.9	Changes in shrimping
0:32:44.6	Shrimping, economics of shrimping
0:33:42.2	Beginning fishing commercial, sixteen years old
0:34:58.0	Boats
0:35:15.0	Wild oyster reef closed, no oysters
0:36:14.1	Father's boat
0:36:28.1	Changes in boats, equipment
0:37:19.5	Dredging oysters, regulations, license
0:37:41.3	Seed-bedding wild oyster reef
0:38:40.3	Oysters died from BP Deepwater oil disaster
0:38:50.2	Opening of spillways to stop oil, freshwater intrusion in marsh
0:39:46.1	Four years from oyster spat to marketable oyster
0:40:29.9	Deformities, tumors on shrimp, mackerels, crabs

0:42:07.1	Hurricane Katrina, 2005
0:44:47.9	Everything lost in Katrina, coping with losses
0:47:54.5	Infrastructure for fishing gone after Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, 2005
0:48:14.8	Replacing home after Katrina
0:49:52.4	Cost of fishing, circa 2012
0:51:42.8	Relationship of estuary and shrimp
0:53:07.5	Plethora of crab traps
0:54:20.4	Appraisal of future of commercial fishing
0:56:35.1	Too much saltwater intrusion in marsh
0:59:10.3	Wall to protect New Orleans from floods
1:02:08.4	Islands disappeared, eroded
1:02:53.3	Suggestion: use sand from Mississippi River to build barrier islands back
1:04:22.1	Consequences of complete disappearance of barrier islands in the Gulf
1:07:20.8	Changes in fishing over his career, crabbing
1:09:07.2	Regulations
1:10:15.2	Disadvantages of crab traps
1:11:56.6	Changes in shrimping
1:12:20.6	Types of shrimp nets
1:13:24.5	Regulations
1:13:49.9	Night fishing
1:14:50.3	Meaning of seafood industry to him
1:16:12.1	Unusual catch, Chinese Mitten Crab

1:17:34.0	Species encountered while fishing
1:18:19.5	Squalls
1:20:07.8	Loss of wetlands, loss of legacy to future generations