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Recording Log

Interviewee: Louis Lipps, crabber, owner of seafood restaurant

Interviewers: Barbara Hester and Louis Kyriakoudes

Date of recording: March 12, 2012

Recording format/notes: Recorded digitally in one file.

Recording length: 41 minutes

Location: Mr. Lipps' restaurant in LaPlace, Louisiana

Subjects/Topics: Lake Pontchartrain, freshwater diversion into Lake Pontchartrain, softshell crabs, paper-shell crabs, Hurricane Katrina, shedding crabs in tanks, crawfish, crawfish tanks, crawfish ponds, Atchafalaya Basin, marketing catches, The Crab Trap Restaurant, Venice, Louisiana, deckhand work, crabbing method, skimmer net, butterfly net, trawl net, cast net, line-and-pole fishing, regulations, BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster, female crabs shedding eggs, damage to Lake Pontchartrain's fisheries from dredging

Time/ Counter	Topic
Track 1 of 1	
0:01:34.8	Freshwater diversion into Lake Pontchartrain
0:02:13.3	Facilitating softshell crab's shedding, shedders
0:02:39.5	Hurricane Katrina
0:03:24.7	Paper-shell crabs
0:03:54.0	Stopped using salt for crabs in tanks
0:04:13.9	Shedding tanks for crabs
0:04:08.2	Flushing tanks to clean
0:05:52.3	Crawfish tanks
0:06:37.2	Softshell crawfish
0:07:24.7	Crawfish ponds

0:08:34.2	Atchafalaya Basin crawfish
0:08:34.2	Marketing crabs and crawfish
0:09:07.8	<i>Background pump noise minimized at this point of recording</i>
0:11:03.3	Beginning crabbing business
0:12:48.6	Opening The Crab Trap Restaurant
0:13:02.2	Father's seafood business
0:13:25.5	Working as a deckhand
0:14:40.0	Technique of crabbing
0:15:22.1	Skimmer net
0:15:44.7	Butterfly net
0:16:36.3	Trawl net
0:17:13.4	Marketing shrimp
0:17:40.8	Selling shrimp on New Orleans street from 1954 Chevy
0:18:19.7	Fishing with pole and line with family
0:18:43.9	Seasonal nature of seafood business necessitated second job, printing business
0:19:52.8	Love of life on the water
0:20:19.0	Regulations
0:22:11.6	Lake Pontchartrain
0:22:37.4	Habits of crabs in Lake Pontchartrain
0:23:31.6	First two years of crab business
0:24:20.0	Paper-shell crabs
0:24:32.5	Marketing crabs

0:26:03.0	Hurricane Katrina
0:27:40.2	Crabbing in Lake Pontchartrain
0:29:32.9	Health of crab fishery in Lake Pontchartrain
0:30:00.0	BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster
0:31:38.8	Freshwater diversion from spillway into Lake Pontchartrain
0:32:08.2	Female crabs shedding eggs
0:32:36.2	Cast net catches speckled trout
0:35:26.6	Hurricane Katrina
0:39:07.0	Dredging damages Lake Pontchartrain's fisheries