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**Recording Log**

**Interviewee:** John Falterman, resident of Louisiana, charter boat captain, subsistence fisherman

**Interviewer:** Stephanie Scull-DeArme

**Date of recording:** April 10, 2012

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

**Recording length:** 1 hour, 54 minutes

**Location:** Mr. Falterman's home in Slidell, Louisiana

**Subjects/Topics:** Fly-fishing, Manchac, Louisiana, species of fish in Lake Pontchartrain and environs, regulations, tagging fish, Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries, Coastal Conservation Association, running a charter boat business, baits and lures, typical charter boat trips, navigational equipment and experience, wetlands, marshes, underwater hazards, marketing, Hurricane Katrina, BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster, equipment for fishing, testing lures and boats, offshore/inshore waters, Category Zero hurricane standard, changes in fishing over his lifetime, media coverage, spillway openings, lake closings after BP oil disaster, Corexit oil dispersant, Vessels of Opportunity, lost-income claims to BP, habitats for fish, crawfish

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0:04:16.6	Fly-fishing
0:05:38.7	Species caught
0:06:07.8	Fishing for food
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0:07:59.5	Areas fished close to his home
0:08:49.2	Lake Pontchartrain, species of fish caught

0:09:31.4	Size of fish increasing throughout his fishing life
0:10:54.9	Regulations
0:10:54.9	Tagging fish, determining ages of fish, working with Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries, Coastal Conservation Association, taking classes
0:12:56.2	Educating his charter-boat clients, teaching in local schools
0:13:56.1	Tagging fish
0:15:25.8	Bait
0:15:38.2	Fly-fishing, lures
0:17:48.1	His business Therapy Charters
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0:22:05.5	The charter boat business
0:23:50.5	Provisions for clients
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0:25:25.9	His charter trip records
0:26:46.2	Marine animals came early this year, 2012
0:28:06.6	Live bait used
0:28:41.7	Typical length of charter boat trip
0:31:25.9	Bad weather on the water
0:33:13.6	Equipment for navigation
0:34:12.5	Knowledge of area important for successful navigation
0:35:40.8	Changes in wetlands, marshes
0:36:13.4	Characteristics of good captain
0:37:45.9	Underwater hazards for boats

0:38:56.5	Meaning of seafood industry to him and his family
0:44:11.3	Marketing the charter boat business
0:45:36.2	What keeps his clients coming back
0:46:13.0	Charity work
0:47:58.7	Hurricane Katrina, 2005, BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster, 2010
0:48:52.4	Cost of charter boat trip
0:49:25.0	Services he renders to charter boat clients
0:51:33.2	Changes in equipment
0:55:37.3	Testing lures, boats for sponsors
0:57:57.8	Regulations
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1:00:32.2	Changes in wetlands
1:02:25.3	Category Zero hurricane standard
1:03:42.3	Erosion, changes in wetlands
1:04:14.0	Hurricane Katrina, 2005
1:05:32.7	Species witnessed over his lifetime of fishing
1:06:02.1	Changes in ways of fishing
1:06:40.6	Differences in numbers of fish
1:07:29.6	BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster
1:07:56.8	Hurricane Katrina, 2005
1:09:38.3	Thoughts on learning of BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster
1:10:35.3	Working for BP

1:11:41.9	Media coverage of BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster
1:11:53.9	Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
1:12:47.2	Opening of spillway
1:14:01.1	Closing of Lake Pontchartrain after BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster
1:16:24.6	Sighting oil in Louisiana, dispersant
1:18:29.0	Differences in configuration of beaches and marshes, oil on bottom of Mississippi Sound, Gulf of Mexico
1:20:34.2	Vessels of Opportunity
1:23:36.8	Coping with losses from BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster
1:24:48.5	Therapy Charters two years after BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster
1:27:04.3	Claims for lost income to BP nullified by BP's required payback
1:29:27.7	Appraisal of future for charter boat businesses
1:29:53.4	Appearance of waters of Lake Pontchartrain, Lake Borgne
1:31:15.1	Opening of spillway
1:32:54.2	Appraisal of Gulf Coast seafood industry
1:33:34.0	Power of media
1:34:03.3	Future, worry of weather, hurricanes
1:36:52.8	Regulation of oil-drilling companies, accountability issues
1:39:25.6	Oil rigs as places to fish, habitats for fish
1:45:04.6	Crawfishing
1:50:28.9	Cooking crawfish