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Recording Log

Interviewee: Paul Latapie, commercial fisherman

Interviewer: Barbara Hester

Date of recording: May 24, 2012

Recording format/notes: Recorded digitally in one file.

Recording length: 51 minutes

Location: Isles Heritage and Cultural Museum, St. Bernard, Louisiana

Subjects/Topics: Commercial fishing, multigenerational fishing family, species gathered, trapping/marketing fur, loss of wetlands, Hurricane Katrina of 2005, crawfish farming, finfishing, gillnets, regulations, crabbing, shrimping, boats, oysters, changes in equipment, BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster, Vessels of Opportunity, Corexit oil dispersant, lost-income claims against BP, Hurricanes Gustav and Isaac of 2006, freshwater diversion into marshes, imported seafood, marketing catches, public perception of tainted Gulf seafood

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0:02:33.8	Multigenerational fishing family
0:03:04.7	Fishing with his grandfather, species gathered, locales fished
0:05:26.3	Fishing with father, species gathered, locales fished
0:05:57.6	Marketing fur
0:07:27.6	Loss of wetlands, Hurricane Katrina
0:08:17.8	Beginning life of commercial fisherman at sixteen
0:08:49.7	Crawfish farm in Plaquemines, Louisiana
0:09:29.8	Giving up finfishing
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0:11:22.7	Father's boat
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0:12:56.6	Oystering
0:14:00.8	Finfishing, species caught
0:14:40.1	Regulations
0:16:53.0	Crabbing, shrimping, dearth of shrimp
0:18:05.2	Crabbing, equipment, changes in equipment, plethora of crab traps
0:19:55.7	Changes in shrimping equipment
0:21:42.0	BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster
0:22:17.2	Regulations, Vessels of Opportunity
0:25:12.6	Vessels of Opportunity restrictions on boat captains
0:27:22.3	Regulations
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0:30:49.4	Lost-income claim against BP
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0:35:25.9	Profits go back into business
0:36:47.8	State of fishing one year after Hurricane Katrina, August 2006
0:38:29.7	Hurricanes Gustav and Isaac, 2006
0:39:38.9	Loss of wetlands
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0:43:15.6	Appraisal of future of commercial fishing, imported seafood

0:44:03.0	Meaning of commercial fishing to him, family
0:45:36.0	Typical day crabbing
0:46:40.6	Changes in marketing catch
0:48:07.7	Some of seafood market share (i.e. restaurants) will not serve Gulf seafood, perception of contamination
0:49:54.6	Favorite seafood