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**Recording Log**

**Interviewee:** Edmond Boudreaux Jr., resident of Mississippi, historian.

**Interviewer:** Stephanie Scull-DeArmey

**Dates of recording:** October 28, 2011, November 4, 2011

**Recording format/notes:** Recorded digitally in three files.

**Recording length:** 2 hours

**Location:** Biloxi Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum

**Subjects/Topics:** Biloxi, Mississippi, the Point, marshland, fiddler crabs, nutria, marsh hens, estuaries, mullet, hook-and-line fishing, cast nets, child labor in seafood-processing factories, housing issues, Back Bay Biloxi, Mississippi Gulf Coast, Mississippi Sound, Gulf of Mexico, Hurricane of 1915, oysters, shrimp, oyster shells, Native American Indians and their pottery, seafood preparation, iceboxes, ice in holds of fishing vessels, boat building, sail power of bygone days, cooning oysters, seine nets, trawl nets, oyster tongs and tonging, marine blacksmiths, Blessing of the Fleet, regulations, early seafood canning, seafood-factory stores and payment by tokens, deckhands, Cat Island, barrier islands, Lafitte skiff, plat bateau, pirogue, dugout canoe, Hurricane Camille, Hurricane Elena, Hurricane Katrina, Mississippi River flooding and displacement of freshwater into the Gulf of Mexico, seafood sustainability issues, high fuel prices, economy, debris in the Mississippi Sound, overfishing, BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster, oil dispersant, oil-eating bacteria, natural and man-made beaches, Vessels of Opportunity program, lost-income claims to BP

**Note: This interview was conducted in the Biloxi Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum. Occasionally there is some background noise from guests who are visiting the museum.**

<b>Time/ Counter</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>Track 1 of 2 10-28-11</b>	
0:00:53.1	Personal history
0:02:12.0	Growing up in Biloxi, Mississippi, the Point, circa 1950s
0:04:43.3	Marshland
0:06:06.3	Fiddler crabs
0:06:48.0	Nutria

0:07:22.3	Marsh hens
0:08:38.8	Loss of estuary, Biloxi
0:08:46.1	Biloxi bacon, pop-eyed mullet
0:09:34.9	Treble hook for fishing
0:09:57.4	Cast net
0:11:29.5	Family heritage, extended kinships
0:12:17.5	Father, Gulf Coast children working in seafood factories
0:13:27.2	Seafood-factory-owned housing
0:16:08.9	Back Bay, Biloxi
0:17:28.8	Father, bartering
0:18:03.1	Background noise from guests in the Biloxi Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum where interview was conducted
0:18:27.7	Gulf Coast maritime stories of days gone by from family
0:18:49.1	Hurricane of 1915
0:20:03.6	Opening oysters, peeling shrimp hurts hands, factory work
0:22:17.0	Uses for oyster shells
0:22:53.8	Native American Indians of Gulf Coast, pottery
0:23:29.6	Shucking oysters in processing factories
0:24:53.2	Preparation of bounteous Gulf seafood
0:26:03.6	Iceboxes, ice delivery
0:26:34.2	Ice, sawdust in the holds of fishing boats
0:27:40.6	Uses for oyster shells
0:28:21.4	Effects of flourishing seafood industry on Mississippi Gulf Coast

0:28:35.2	Boat building, Biloxi
0:29:53.7	Latrum (spelling:_____)
0:30:35.6	Fishing, shrimping, oystering under sail, no mechanization
0:31:39.3	Cooning oysters
0:32:12.8	Seine net
0:34:30.0	Trawl net
0:36:16.3	Tonging
0:38:25.1	Marine blacksmiths
0:40:29.9	Culture of happiness, attachment to church among fisherfolks
0:42:29.0	Blessing of the fleet
0:45:02.7	Shrimp season
0:45:50.6	Regulations
0:47:39.9	Early canning (shrimp, oysters, crab) factories
0:48:17.1	Deckhands, payment in tokens
0:49:43.2	Factory stores
0:51:04.0	Pierre Le Moyne D'Iberville
0:51:44.7	Cat Island, chat sauvage
0:52:27.2	Cooning for oysters
<b>Track 2 of 2 10-28-11</b>	
0:00:15.9	Lafitte skiff or plat bateau
0:01:47.4	Hundred-year-old skiff in museum
0:02:40.7	Center keel, centerboard

0:03:20.9	Pirogue, dugout canoe
0:06:21.5	What the seafood industry means to the people and culture of the Mississippi Gulf Coast
0:07:01.5	Changes in fishing, shrimping
0:07:51.4	Canning seafood in bygone days
0:08:58.1	Mechanization displaces factory workers
0:09:43.1	Changes in regulations
0:10:44.2	Changes in the Mississippi Sound, Gulf of Mexico
0:11:00.4	Barrier islands
0:12:12.4	Hurricanes Camille and Elena
<b>Track 1 of 1 11-4-11</b>	
0:00:43.1	Mississippi Sound, barrier islands, nutrient-rich waters
0:03:58.2	Freshwater diversion of Mississippi River flood
0:04:24.4	Oysters killed in west Mississippi Sound
0:05:52.0	Sustainability of oyster reefs
0:06:55.9	Hurricane Katrina's effects on seafood industry
0:08:23.7	Sluggish economy, high fuel prices affect seafood industry
0:09:14.8	Factors affecting health of Mississippi Sound and Gulf of Mexico
0:09:58.8	Bounty of seafood in days gone by
0:13:38.7	Debris that interferes with fishing nets
0:15:53.3	Regulations
0:16:39.3	Overfishing and sustainability

0:18:43.7	BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster's effects on Mississippi's seafood industry
0:21:14.3	Oil dispersants, health issues
0:23:27.0	Mississippi Sound, oil did not degrade; sits on bottom, oil-eating bacteria, natural oil seeps
0:26:46.8	Effects of disappearance of barrier islands
0:28:25.3	Mississippi sand beaches, natural and man-made
0:29:56.1	Background noise of guests in Biloxi Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum
0:34:01.2	Artesian spring on Dog Island, island eroded away
0:36:15.3	Thoughts on hearing of BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster
0:37:45.5	Mississippi Gulf Coast economy, circa 2011
0:38:44.1	Resilience of residents of Mississippi Gulf Coast
0:41:07.9	Waters of the Gulf of Mexico
0:43:10.2	Oil sheen, smell in Mississippi Sound
0:43:53.5	Health of fisheries of Mississippi Gulf Coast, circa 2011
0:44:36.0	Vessels of Opportunity program
0:46:54.0	Fishermen's lost-income claims to BP
0:47:05.2	Vision of future of Mississippi Gulf Coast seafood industry
0:48:51.9	Opening of spillways, freshwater diversion into Gulf of Mexico
0:50:08.8	Need for diversification of energy production