

DANNY KOCH      June 3, 1987

TAPE 1 SIDE A

059 Beginning

061 Has been working the bay his whole life. So have his uncle, fathers, grandfathers

064 Put killey traps in creeks where shells are, clam shells. Throws  
the pot in

071 Catches horseshoe crab on his dragger. Used for bait. Gets them on bay when they mate.  
High tide

081 Sometimes gets a 100 killeys, some days only 5

082 Why he puts traps in creeks. High and low tides

092 Puts out about 25-30 traps-killeys. Sets 3 times a day

096 Father taught him where to put traps. Took a long time to learn. Learned from family

102 Family has been there since early 1900's

117 Not a good fishing area. Gull sounds

123 Makes his own traps. Usually finds them. Once in a while somebody takes them

130 Places traps all over the bay. Puts traps out for a few hours

145 Usually does this alone. Never goes out on a dragger alone

156 Works on motion picture sets sometimes. Prefers fishing. Will never work in an office

172 Single funnel killey trap. Works good. Makes them the same way his grandfather did.

Doesn't like store-made ones

187 Materials for trap

199 Made his 1st boat at age 16. Has made 6 garveys, various sizes

210 Nice garveys. Curves - why they're important. High bows

228 Sunk garveys. Plywood, oak, fiberglass. Used to be made of cedar  
and pine. No plywood then. Plywood and fiberglass boats last forever

242 Hasn't built a gunnin boat. Garveys take a few weeks to make 248      Oak ribs. Sketch.  
Fiberglasses interior and exterior

256 Helps baymen who get stuck. Leaves city folk alone. Shoved when motor broke

274 Twenty killey trappers in the area. Can usually catch 50 quarts. Mostly part time baymen  
who catch killeys - sell it for less

292 Sells killeys to Causeway Bait and Tackle. Also sells them other kinds of bait - skimmer  
clams, crabs, oysters, mussels, eels.

305 Bitten by lobsters, blue-claw crabs, horseshoe crabs

320 Getting bit by crabs, lobsters

341 So many stupid things happened. Working with his brother Lenny Koch

363 How Danny got the business. 4 brothers and sisters. None are in fishing. Two run a deli

396 Got washed up on the beach. Was towed home. Fierce surf

415 Never ran out of gas on dragger. Once on killey boat. One time someone tried to steal the  
propeller. Joan once took Danny to shore. Mutiny on boats. Gil netting

473 Sportsmen's effect (Lenny)

486 end

SIDE B

001 Trying to change things (Lenny)

013 Twenty-five years ago 50-60 commercial fishermen. All local residents. Used to be meadow.  
Could see to the ocean  
025 Grandfather came. Rum-runners. Made money during depression. Millionaires  
040 Working in a zoo on movie set  
049 Taught Gory Weyant how to build eel traps. Uncle Elwood Verity taught him. Take 1/2 day  
to make an eel trap. Killey traps - easy with modern tools  
077 Cost twenty dollars to make an eel trap. Double funnel. Gave traps to Gory Weyant  
092 Elwood Verity died last summer. Boating accident. Drowned in harbor  
109 Other friends have died in bay. Accidents  
139 Others live to 70's and 80's  
147 Knows most of the baymen today. Relatives still in it  
159 Doesn't like duck hunting. Neither does Lenny  
175 end