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**Recording Log**

**Interviewee:** Roscoe Liebig, bait fisherman and bait shop owner; former shrimper; lifelong fishermen on Mississippi Gulf Coast

**Interviewers:** Stephanie Scull-DeArmeay and Barbara Hester

**Date of recording:** October 13, 2011

**Recording format/notes:** Recorded digitally in two files on an Olympus WS-321M voice recorder using an external microphone on table base stand. Recorded in Liebig's bait shop, on a barge, in the Pass Christian Harbor

**Recording length:** 2 hours and 5 minutes

**Location:** Pass Christian, Mississippi

**Subjects/Topics:** Fishing recreationally and commercially, fishing equipment, trawls and nets, navigation, economics of shrimping related to fuel price, boat captains, Vietnamese fishermen, bait industry, shrimp prices circa 2011, turtle-excluder devices, endangered-turtle deaths, BP Deepwater Horizon Disaster, BP claims process and awards, white shrimp, Louisiana marshes, fishing-loss compensation from BP, Mississippi Coast commercial harbors circa 2011, fuel costs and quality of life, oystering, mutuality of fishing community, changes in species caught, quotas, hook-and-line fishing, bait and shrimp facts, oyster reef deaths, dredging, Hurricane Katrina, BP's Vessels of Opportunity Program, oil dispersant/other hazardous materials in Gulf of Mexico, sustainability of fisheries, regulation of fisheries, imported shrimp

<b>Time/ Counter</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>Track 1 of 2</b> 0:03:41.2	Fishing as a child
0:05:10.6	Learning to fish commercially
0:07:14.7	Equipment used for fishing for bait
0:07:24.8	Try trawl
0:08:06.5	Global positioning system on board
0:08:31.3	Charts, wrecks, hangs
0:09:58.4	Trawl net
0:11:33.8	Trawling for bait
0:12:28.0	Bait boat

0:12:52.2	Economics of shrimping as it relates to fuel prices
0:15:07.5	Characteristics of boat captain
<b>0:15:53.0</b>	Nets
0:16:18.9	Vietnamese fishermen
0:16:50.0	Skimmer net
0:17:08.2	Hauling up, hauling in, and emptying nets
0:18:03.7	Liebig's fishing territory
0:19:42.7	Bait industry compared to shrimp industry
0:20:02.5	Shrimp prices circa 2011
0:22:58.7	Economics of shrimping as it relates to fuel prices
<b>Track 2 of 2</b> 0:00:06.3	TEDs
0:00:56.9	Endangered-turtle deaths
0:01:13.4	BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Disaster
0:02:26.7	Gill nets
0:04:06.5	BP claims awards
0:06:16.7	Personal experience after oil disaster
0:07:05.7	No white shrimp, October 2011
0:07:31.6	Shrimp in Louisiana marshes
0:08:07.4	Compensation for fishing losses from BP
0:08:49.5	Vessels of Opportunity Program
0:08:54.3	Drop in sales BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Disaster
0:09:46.9	BP claims process

0:11:17.9	Mississippi Coast commercial harbors, 2011
0:12:42.4	Seafood sales, circa October 2011
0:13:02.7	Consumers' fears of eating Gulf Shrimp after BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Disaster
0:13:35.3	Full impact of BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill
0:13:51.8	Fine for BP too low; BP makes \$25 million in seven hours
0:14:24.0	Fuel costs dictates quality of life
0:17:22.3	What commercial fishing means to his family
0:18:12.5	Future of commercial fishermen
0:18:46.9	Oysters on Mississippi Gulf Coast after BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Disaster
0:20:06.5	Business costs of running bait shop, circa 2011
0:21:19.4	Breakdown of boats at sea
0:23:10.5	Personal meaning of seafood industry
0:23:57.8	Reciprocity and mutuality in fishing community
0:25:28.0	Meaning of seafood industry to Coastians
0:25:37.6	Changes since childhood
0:26:29.6	Future of Mississippi Gulf Coast seafood industry
0:28:48.0	Quotas
0:29:40.9	Hook-and-line fishing
0:30:15.1	Which baits catch which fish
0:31:51.5	Working in the bait business
0:33:57.1	Price of bait, circa 2011
0:35:20.9	Bait tanks, live bait

0:36:58.8	Changes in squid catch
0:37:39.8	Blisters on shrimp, snapper
0:39:10.4	Fluctuations in shrimp populations
0:41:00.1	80 percent death of oyster beds in Mississippi's oyster reefs
0:41:59.9	Tonging for oysters
0:46:32.5	Dredge boat
0:48:51.9	Decision to leave shrimping and go into bait business
0:49:22.0	Costs of shrimping
0:50:05.9	Hurricane Katrina, 2006
0:51:04.4	Insurance issues
0:51:46.1	Cleanup work after Hurricane Katrina, hauling debris
0:52:08.2	Oyster relief work after Hurricane Katrina
0:55:21.9	Cleanup work after Hurricane Katrina, hauling debris
0:58:12.9	Initial thoughts on hearing of BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Disaster
0:59:08.2	Working for Vessels of Opportunity Program
1:03:11.0	Hazardous materials
1:03:35.6	Oil dispersant in Mississippi Sound
1:05:22.9	Finding out about Vessels of Opportunity Program
1:07:04.7	Unfair implementation of Vessels of Opportunity Programs
1:11:36.1	BP claims process
1:12:07.2	Visual appearance of Mississippi Sound to the naked eye after BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Disaster
1:12:15.6	Tar balls on Horn Island

1:12:47.4	Personal assessment of health of fisheries in the Mississippi Sound
1:16:02.8	Inequity for deckhand in claims process
1:17:13.0	Personal assessment of future of fisheries
1:17:50.5	White shrimp, circa 2010, after BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Disaster
1:21:46.3	Keeping fisheries in the Mississippi Sound sustainable
1:22:20.0	Regulation of fishery
1:25:17.4	Shrimpers erroneously blamed for turtle deaths
1:26:37.5	Fishing technology, circa 2010
1:29:18.7	Liebig's message to consumers regarding the living marine environment of the Gulf of Mexico
1:30:40.2	Pollution
1:31:40.2	BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Disaster
1:32:48.4	Imported shrimp
1:33:34.3	Consumers unwilling to pay what seafood is worth
1:35:39.5	Impact of regulations
1:36:33.7	Imported shrimp
1:37:49.4	Affordable fuel price is key to success of fishermen
1:39:05.5	Characteristics of the fishing life