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Recording Log

Interviewees: Oscar Sanzin, resident of Gulf Coast of Mississippi, retired after sixty-year-commercial-fishing career, and his wife, Helen Sanzin

Interviewer: Barbara Hester

Date of recording: December 20, 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 at the Sanzins' home.

Recording length: 2 hours and 5 minutes

Location: Mississippi Gulf Coast

Subjects/Topics: Commercial fishing/shrimping on the Mississippi Gulf Coast from 1950 through 2005; shrimping; cat-food processing plants; crabbing; ice on boats; seafood-processing factories; bad weather; building, fitting, maintaining boats; species of sea life caught; overfishing; nets; Hurricane Katrina, 2005; technologies; oystering; factory housing; escalating fuel prices; imported, farm-raised shrimp; regulation of fisheries; TEDs; weather; changes in wetlands; mutuality and reciprocity in fishing community; weather; crabbing; BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Disaster; Yugoslavia, circa WWII; family.

Time/ Counter	Topic
Track 1 of 2 0:05:47.0	Beginning shrimping career in 1950
0:10:57.7	Other seafood caught for cat food processing plant
0:12:09.8	Crabbing, circa 1950s
0:12:35.3	Fishing, stowing ice on the boat
0:13:00.7	Seafood factories on Mississippi Gulf Coast, circa 1950s
0:14:05.3	Bad weather on boat; Coast Guard
0:15:34.5	One of his boats
0:18:07.5	Fishing, circa 1950s
0:19:43.5	Species of fish in the Gulf of Mexico, circa 1950s
0:20:46.9	Overfishing

0:21:15.3	Description of cat-food processing plants on Mississippi Gulf Coast
0:22:22.9	Abundance of shrimp species and sizes in the Gulf of Mexico, circa 1950s
0:24:11.6	Nets tangle in deep currents
0:26:00.5	Hurricane Katrina
0:27:30.6	Accident, injury, end of commercial-fishing career
0:28:12.8	Selling shrimp boat
0:28:57.3	First boat
0:31:03.2	Disadvantage of steel boat
0:33:22.6	Boat maintenance
0:34:47.4	Types of wood used to make boats
0:36:03.3	Description of shrimp nets
0:37:50.7	Try-net
0:40:11.0	Million-dollar boat
0:40:46.5	Shrimping before mechanical winches
0:41:25.8	Doors of shrimp net
0:42:31.1	Fitting out shrimp boat after building it
0:47:05.3	Hauling in nets by hand
0:49:31.1	First radios
0:51:31.6	Oystering
0:51:46.4	Seafood-factory housing
0:52:12.2	Hand-processed seafood in factories
0:52:23.1	Canning seafood

0:53:46.8	When fuel was four cents a gallon
0:57:04.1	Imported, farm-raised shrimp
0:57:53.2	Economics of high fuel prices paired with low shrimp prices for wild-caught shrimp
0:58:45.4	Regulation of fisheries
0:58:57.6	TEDs
1:05:13.5	Effect of weather on fishing
1:07:32.1	Shrimp-catching experiments while fishing
1:10:18.6	Seasons dictate species of abundant shrimp available to fishermen
1:13:30.5	Changes in wetlands
1:17:41.3	Mutuality and reciprocity in the fishing community
1:21:51.8	Fishing in fog
1:21:55.6	Worst fishing weather
1:24:20.3	Boats built by old-timers
1:25:58.0	Perspective on future of commercial fishing
1:28:42.4	Process of shrimping on his boat
1:29:43.1	Special care for his shrimp catch onboard
1:31:55.5	Selling live crabs
1:32:37.8	BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Disaster
1:33:49.8	Personal history
1:35:30.6	WWII, Nazis take his homeland Yugoslavia
1:38:34.7	Living in Africa as a slave to the Nazis

1:38:47.5	His normal childhood before Hitler took Yugoslavia
1:43:34.3	WWI in Yugoslavia
Track 2 of 2 0:06:58.6	Children
0:11:10.1	Sanzin's boats
0:16:30.1	Children's children