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**Recording Log**

**Interviewee:** William Stewart, commercial shrimper, Mississippi Gulf Coast

**Interviewer:** Louis Kyriakoudes

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**Recording format/notes:** Recorded digitally in one file.

**Recording length:** 1 hour, 20 minutes

**Location:** Long Beach, Mississippi, University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park Campus library

**Subjects/Topics:** Sport fishing, species caught, boats, commercial fishing, regulations, equipment, Hurricane Katrina, FEMA, Port of Gulfport, prices for catches, rising fuel costs, gillnets, fish migrations, haul seines, sustainability, bycatch, conservation, hook-and-line fishing, sea turtles, set-netting, drift-netting, casinos, seafood-processing plants, monofilament, cotton gillnets, pressures against commercial fishing on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, shrimping, ice boats, freezer boats, BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster, closing of waters as oil comes in, loss of income from oil in waters, currents in underwater gullies, dredging, barrier islands, Vessels of Opportunity, marketing/retailing catch, Gulfport's port commission, Pass Christian Harbor, Bonnet Carré Spillway freshwater encroachment of Mississippi Sound, Pearl River pollution, Mississippi Gulf Coast pollution, protein from marine life, crabbing, reallocation of finfish resources, Bosarge skiffs.

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1:00:04.5	Contract with the Grand Casino not renewed by the Island View Casino
1:01:28.6	Port of Gulfport denies access to and rebuilding of commercial fishermen's pier after Hurricane Katrina
1:03:18.4	Local attorneys afraid to challenge port commission
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