

**CORY WEYANT** May 27, 1987

SIDE A

001 Born in Oceanside, lived in Freeport for 20 years. 30 years old

005 Dad born in Oceanside. Runs boats - transport. Worked on boats

010 Worked at bait stations

013 Was very little when he started fishing, swimming

015 Used to catch more fish than they do today

017 Speedboats. Pollution

029 Bay fishing

030 First dragger he worked on was the St. Peter. 17 years old, 21 ran a fish market, where he learned about smoked fish. Jones Inlet Fish Market, run by Bruce Larson, packer. Describes how it grew.

046 Learned by observation. Lived on Woodcleft Canal. Worked on Capt. Lou-the founder

059 Hates working inside. Fish market. Business philosophy

066 Who he knows on Woodcleft. How it's changed in the last 10 years "Nautical Mile".

078 Grandfather born in Freeport, ran an oil tanker. "Snuffy", Nicknamed -"Horsefoot"-horse shoe crabs needed to go eeling.

089 Grandpa

095 Family has been in area for over 60 years. Had a large farm in Ocean-side. Great grandmother born in Germany. Came in 1920's. Farmed until the 1950's.

120 Rod and reel fishing - Father. Yacht owners and boat trips

135 Smoking eels. Seasonal-too hot in summer. Dragging. Working with Tony Sougstad. Need to know a variety of skills, to make a year-round living.

157 Dangers of boating - getting thrown overboard  
172 Duck hunting. Saved 2 cops  
180 Learning experiences. Made a raft. Fixed boats. Rowing  
191 Made a gunnin boat at age 12. Plywood and fiberglass.  
Design. Shop class  
215 Garvey he uses. Shaefer built. Motors  
225 Getting stuck. Motors  
239 Helping others  
251 Learned to duck hunt at age 14. Father took him  
259 Weather and duck hunting. Makes some decoys. Bobby  
Mariniaccio  
281 Smoking eels - hobby at first. Sold them at fish market.  
Learned to trapping. Makes his own traps  
299 When he pulls traps. Never on weekends. Not finding traps  
312 Handling eels. How to clean  
328 Burning eels. Fruitwoods. Learned from Dick Abbott. Learned  
by doing  
348 Fruitwood makes it smell good. Has a friend in tree business  
who gives him wood. L. I. Wood.  
361 What else he smokes - turkey, ducks, venison, pork. Likes  
fish. Does it for friends mostly.  
372 Summer eels and jacking spears  
416 Made own eel traps about 5 years ago. Why he left fish  
market to work in the bay  
430 Brine recipe: brown sugar and salt, water. Cures them and  
dries it out.  
449 End

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#### SIDE B

002 Being interviewed  
005 Smoking technique. Have to have salt to cure. Why he uses  
brown sugar - fights the salty taste. Adds color  
Oil Making it for himself - leaves the brown sugar in  
015 salt and cooking  
019 Smoking in area. Cory's the only one  
024 Why he smokes - just enjoys it  
032 Why he started. Learned from Dick Abbott, Elwood Verity,  
other "old timers." Did it in garbage cans  
041 Relationship with customers. Germans who order from him  
045 House decoration and yard. Lighthouse has been there for 20  
years. Nautical Doors came from dragger

064 Paying for fish - cash  
070 Bay houses. Who owned it. Friends he went with-Lenny Koch.  
Used row boat  
087 Bay houses in 1930s and 40s. Neglect. Marsh pollution and  
yachts  
096 Duck hunting in winter. Friends. Going with his father  
108 Family ownership of bay houses. Freeport residents  
118 Neighbors watch out for each other  
121 Loves duck hunting. How they prepared duck for eating. Leon  
Carman - Wink Carman's father, taught them recipes  
138 Relaxing at bay houses  
148 Stories. Hunting stories. Made fun of who did worst that day  
168 His hunting experiences  
178 Names for guns. Types  
191 Making decoys  
197 What he does in winter - makes eel traps. Designs - double  
and triple funnel - learned from Elwood Verity  
210 Advantage of triple funnel - if one gets clogged, it still  
catches fish  
220 Which pots work better. Triple - more accessible  
236 Pine frames, other materials. Can make 3 per day. Stealing  
248 Why he uses certain woods  
255 Design he uses now. "Corvette" Will never buy any again.  
Wants to get rid of them  
276 Female horseshoe crabs and skimmer clams for bait. Skimmer  
clams from Koch boat also sold for food  
291 Learned baits from father. Experiments  
304 Learning the bay. Hopes he'll be good in 20 years.  
"Professionalism"  
325 end