

<b>Project</b>	MASGC- Preserving Oral Histories of Waterfront-Related Pursuits in Bayou La Batre
<b>Interview Date</b>	April 1, 2008
<b>Interview Length</b>	56:47 (Title 1) (log times correspond with Media Player)
<b>Interviewer</b>	Harriet Richardson-Seacat
<b>Videographer</b>	Lynn Rabren
<b>Interviewee</b>	Avery Bates
<b>Format</b>	Tape HD 1080/24P
<b>Affiliation</b>	VP of Organized Seafood Association of Alabama, former oysterman and crabber
<b>Keywords</b>	Bayou La Batre, Boat Building, Community History, Conch, Demographics, Fishing Economy, Four Seasons, Fuel prices, Gulf Shrimping, Hurricanes Frederick and Katrina, Net Making, Oyster Cultch Planting, Prices, Seafood Imports, , Shrimping, Shrimping Boats, Spat, Steel Boats, Tools, Working Waterfront Coalition, Wood Boats

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00:00:31	Avery speaking on plans for a boat ramp near Cedar Point, Heron Bay, the Cutoff
00:01:45	Avery on needing more access to the water in order to maximize the natural resources and be able to pass it on from generation to generation
00:03:25	Natural disasters, such as Hurricanes, and impact on oyster/marine habitat
00:03:47	Dauphin Island (gap in west end and subsequent problem of letting too much salt water into brackish areas where oysters, shrimp and other species are damaged)
00:04:30	Lack of oysterman out catching oysters
00:05:26	Use of Cedar Point Fishing Pier and surrounding habitat now and in the past
00:06:12	Social impact due to loss of fishing grounds
00:07:05	Alabama oysters and imported oysters from other states
00:08:00	Importance of maintaining Alabama waterways open and accessible for industrial commercial as well as commercial seafood
00:08:45	What happens/ can be seen in the community when there is a good oyster harvest or a bad oyster harvest
00:09:40	Avery on quality of Alabama seafood
00:10:58	Avery speaking on regulation of commercial fishing in Alabama and using correct science/biology
00:12:15	Planting shells (oyster cultch planting)
00:14:00	Teaching children trades in seafood industry and understanding heritage
00:14:20	Being able to eat during the depression because of location near water and therefore food
00:15:00	Avery talking on how/ where America gets its food
00:15:30	Avery discussing the EPA and FDA
00:16:20	Importance of maintaining a healthy marine habitat and what happens when habitat is ruined/ destroyed

00:20:20 Avery speaking about legislators asking or involving fishermen on issues that will or can effect seafood industry

00:21:40 The oyster industry as the backbone of the seafood industry

00:22:20 Effects of high gas prices on shrimping industry

00:23:00 Habitat marine being lost as a result of oil and natural gas rigs

00:23:30 Seafood industry is what supports Bayou La Batre and other nearby places

00:24:40 Avery speaking on what people who cannot fish anymore are doing

00:26:25 Importance of seafood industry to the state of Alabama; commercial fishing versus recreational fishing

00:27:30 Local seafood versus imported seafood

00:28:00 Oystering and the profits that can be made or no profit at all if oysters are not surviving in their habitat

00:29:35 Seafood factories in Bayou La Batre area now and in the past; seafood industry and hard work involved

00:32:40 The impact mother nature can have on the fishing industry

00:33:08 Population growth in Baldwin and Mobile counties

00:34:30 Avery on the state of Alabama and the need to help fishermen

00:35:30 Avery speaking on dredging in Alabama

00:36:33 Cut in tape

00:36:40 Avery speaking about growing up and shrimping

00:38:19 Need for management now and in management in the past

00:40:14 Preserving liberties and freedoms

00:40:45 Avery speaking on his youth when he shrimped

00:41:50 Keep heritage/ traditions going

00:42:29 Who Avery sold fish to as a boy and some family history; it is good to learn from the past

00:43:30 Fish is good

00:45:33 Predicting the weather in Billy Goat hole (how things are different today then from in the past)

00:47:50 Natural reproduction in nature versus state or federal reproduction programs

00:49:00 Avery learning things about the water from his father

00:50:00 Not being able to harvest oysters at current time

00:52:23 Being able to catch spawning crabs now versus when it was not allowed in the past

00:54:49 Commercial versus recreation fishing

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00:00:31	Avery speaking on losing past traditions and history
00:00:42	Old timers and telling tales
00:01:45	Avery on how it is interesting to think or remember how people of the past survived
00:02:00	Crabs and when they shed (explaining molting and soft shell crabs)
00:04:23	How the technology has changed to allow people to shell their own crabs now
00:04:50	The need for getting better access to the water (both commercial and recreational); importance of management of the habitat and access to resources
00:10:55	What good management and access can lead to
00:11:15	Avery on learning to oyster; importance of a good work ethic
00:13:40	Difference between now and the past (difference in society overall)
00:14:40	Quality of people involved in the seafood industry in the Bayou La Batre area
00:15:10	When/ why things changed near Dauphin Island area as far as waterfront access
00:16:00	What habitat loss and protection can result in
00:19:26	What needs to happen to get more access to the waterfront; who's responsibility is it; learning from examples of other waterfront/fishing communities
00:22:00	Oystering, shrimping, crabbing, and fishing in the past where oil/natural gas rigs are located now
00:23:20	Importance of the seafood industry continuing; ideas/ suggestions for growth of commercial fishing on Dauphin Island
00:26:01	Close up and various shots of rigs off Dauphin Island while Avery talks about fish (redfish, snapper)
00:27:25	Same discussion against back drop of Dauphin Island/ Fort Morgan ferry landing
00:28:30	Attempting or wanting to get labeling on food of where product originated
00:29:50	Interview ends; cars pulling off of ferry and other various shots

00:35:30 Video of a crab boat working  
00:39:33 Video of the Dauphin Island Bridge and a boat  
00:40:31 Video of the same crab boat working  
00:41:00 Panoramic view of water  
00:41:19 Video of abandoned boat near the Cutoff  
00:42:31 Video of boat and oyster shells on the ground  
00:43:00 Close up of abandoned boat and looking down water towards Dauphin Island Bridge  
00:43:30 Close up video of a pile of conch shells on the ground  
00:44:53 Close up video of several docks  
00:45:57 Close up video of a partially submerged boat  
00:47:20 Close up video of the bow of a crab boat and the entire crab boat  
00:48:03 Close up video of a partially submerged boat  
00:51:54 Video of marshland  
00:53:48 Video of waves crashing on the beach  
00:56:23 Man fishing off of rocks