

Nantucket Lighthouse Middle School Oral History Interview

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Interviewee-Oscar Bunting

Occupation- Scallop/ fisherman.

Age Range-80-89

Abstract- Oscar Bunting, an old time Nantucket resident has taken advantage of Nantucket's ocean diversity by taking up scalloping for a living. He tells of the hardships and his many stories as well as experiences while scalloping.

Time cataloguing-

00:51-1:32- Background/ origin of his name.

1:34-3:12- Birth details.

3:31- 4:09- Location/ details of where he grew up.

4:15- 5:29- Job details.

5:46- 8:03- Scallop shucking and their prices.

8:05- 8:40- Length of his scalloping career.

8:44- 13:32- Scalloping "Hot spots" and differences between commercial scalloping and recreational scalloping.

13:38-14:32-Family involvement in scalloping and the loss his father.

14:38-16:40- Style of his scalloping and scallop habitats.

16:17- 20:10- Differenced between scallop sales now-days and when Bunting scalloped, as well as common scalloping mistakes.

20:17-26:33- Differences between scallop limits when Bunting scalloped and today. Also, more details on scallop shucking.

26:40-28:40- A typical day scalloping for Oscar Bunting.

30:13- 33:58- Close encounters while scalloping

34:06- 36:15- Some advantages and disadvantages to scalloping.

36:22-38:37- Difficulties of being a scalloper.

38:37- 43:55- Other fishing jobs.

43:58-47:19- Changes in fishing and scalloping regulations over the years.

47:49-48:40- Advice for taking up scalloping as a career.

49:09-52:42- Threats to scallops.

52:46-54:03- Reasons why Bunting has stopped scalloping.

Subject Headings-

Role-

Commercial Fisherman

Dealer/wholesaler

Family Member

Life aboard a fishing vessel

Informal Rules and regulations

General Social and Cultural-

Family, Family roles, family organization.

Gender Roles.

Social and Cultural Characteristics-
Informal rules and regulations
Relationships with other fisherman.

Gear and fishing technology-
Trawl
Boats, ships, vessels.

Business and Economics of Fishing & Other Maritime-
Making a Living.
Business Risks.
Selling/marketing the catch.

Fisheries Management-
Regulations
Endangered, protected, or threatened species.
Other Fisheries management.

Habitat and Other Environmental Characteristics-
Unusual environmental phenomena or events.
Weather.
Climate, climate change.
Habitat.

Species Type-
Fish- General.
Groundfish.
Shellfish.
Species Characteristics-
Spawning areas, breeding grounds.
Nursery areas.