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Track 1

LC What fisheries is your husband involved in?

PS My husband? He's involved with quahogging.

LC Ok.

PS Which is currently shut down, because of red tide. He is heavily involved in lobstering. He has been a scallop diver. He hasn't done that for a while, though. He has dragged for scallops. He didn't do that this past winter, because the scallop catch was so poor. Um, I'm trying to think what else. He, he has had to do different—tuna fishing. He's had to do different-- he's had to break out into different branches of fishing because of losing his gillnetting permit. That's why he originally bought his boat, in 1987, to go gill netting. That was his full intention of why he bought that big boat.

LC Yes.

PS Right after he bought his boat, his permit, ground fish permit, was taken away. Or lost, because he had missed the quota the year before.

LC So, this was in 1987.

PS That was in 1987. So, since then, he—he is such a hard worker. He has made it work. And it's worked very well.

LC And you are a school teacher?

PS I am a school teacher and this will be my sixteenth year.

LC Ok. When you started teaching did that coincide with any events in the fishery? Did you decide to start working because things were not going well in the fishery?

PS No, I had—I had my job fully intended. That had nothing to do with that. I will say I was working and then we had children and I took a leave, a six month leave of absence.

And then, another child came along and then I thought, oh, I had just resigned from my job. But then the fishing, then this all happened and I need to get back to work. So, in a sense, I am back to school, back working because of the fishing.

LC It provides a level of stability...

PS It's nice to have the benefits, and...

LC Yes.

PS Just my own sense of security.

LC Ok. And what, would you say, in the community... are the pressing issues? And I mean in the fishing community. What are the pressing issues, or the hot topics, that people are dealing with?

PS Well, right now it is the quahog. Quahogging and some mussel beds being shut down because of the red tide. That has put many fishermen out of work, for probably the entire month of August into September. There are fishermen, who, like my husband, right now, who...Ok, quahogging shut down, well, he's full-time right now into lobstering. But, many fishermen just do the quahogging.

LC Yes.

PS And that, they're in...they're in, what's the word? Up in arms.

LC Yes.

PS So. Another hot topic, again, would be there are no ground fishermen in these two towns. Because of the loss of permits. They either had their permit taken away or they were offered money to sell their permits. I'm not really sure on the technical part of that but I know those two things.

It seems as though there are quite a few people that feel that they've lost their---their right to have access to the ground fishery.

PS Yes. That's...that's very controversial. That goes right along with what I'm saying.

LC Yes.

PS I know my husband certainly does. I mean, he's been a part of a fishing family for generations, and they've been gill netting and now you can't do that.

LC How many generations, would you say, for your family?

PS Oh, boy! What a good question to ask him. For his family, I know it goes back to great-great grandfather. And it might even be further than that.

LC Ok. Here?

PS Yes. In Jonesport.

LC And what about yourself? Do you come from a fishing family?

PS No, I do not. Growing up, my father had a few lobster traps and we used to go out and haul them but, no. He was superintendent of schools.

LC What is the perception of this community, do people consider it a fishing community?

PS No, we are definitely a fishing community. That's how I believe the community looks at us. How we feel.

LC Are there any other industries aside from fishing that really sort of hold up the economy in Jonesport?

PS Well, there's blueberrying. We have our blueberry fields. That's very important. That employs quite a few people. No, I would say definitely fishing is the background. Lobstering. Lobstering, absolutely.

LC And, but, if you go back and look, in terms of the community, before it was primarily lobstering there was some ground fishing.

PS Yes. Lots of ground fishing.

LC And when did that really begin to change for most people?

PS Eighties, nineties. Definitely. I'm trying to think. I wish I had all these facts and figures from my husband. But. It's been a long time since there's been gill netting. We used to, when my husband was a gill netter, we had a little fishing business where I would take orders from people and he would fillet the fish and I'd peddle it around. A lot of summer people, a lot of local people. That was very enjoyable. Met a lot of people that way. And that just totally changed, so.

LC Yes.

PS It was a great little summer job.

LC What about the perception of, or the...future of fishing in Jonesport?

PS The future of fishing, in Jonesport.

LC What's the sort of feeling around that?

PS I think people are worried. Because of the regulations of the licenses, the license requirements. I know we have a fisherman at the high school. A student fisherman. And they have to, they have to follow certain steps, and it's just changed so much. It's more complicated, now. I think that would a very good question to ask a fisherman. That would be an excellent question to ask a fisherman. I can't answer a lot of these questions, you know.

LC Well, you're part of this community and it's my assumption that you have a sense, and your own opinion, and yes—fishermen, or somebody that fishes would likely have an opinion as well.

PS They certainly would.

LC I do trust in your sense, you have a perspective. And it can be the same or different.

PS Right, right.

LC The next set of questions in about you and your family.

PS Ok.

LC Can you tell me the ages of you and your husband?

PS Yes. I am 44 and he's 45 years old.

LC And how did you meet?

PS We went to school together; he was one year ahead of me. The high school. Never said two words to each other. He was so shy. I was even worse. And we—I was home from college and we—there was a dance in town and he was sitting a few seats away and his cousin, who I went to school with, got us together. A boy came up to ask me to dance and—his cousin is big, he's like 6'4", and he said "No, you're not dancing with him. You're dancing with Chris." My husband. So....we've been together ever since. Twenty-five years. So, anyway. But. Very shy. But. We hit it off.

LC Well that's amazing. And you said he comes from a long, extended fishing family? Your family's not fishing but it's also lived here for many generation?

PS Definitely. Yes. My grandparents ran a beauty shop and a furniture shop and a jewelry store in town when Jonesport was thriving. When we had sardine factories Jonesport was—Beals and Jonesport were thriving communities. And with the closure of the sardine factories, it just totally changed it. Not a ghost town but it drastically changed.

LC And when was that?

PS That was in maybe the 1940's. So, that would be a very good question to ask some of those other ladies. I believe—it was before my time. I'm going to say the 40's, '50's....

LC Yes. In terms of your family, is there any particular dominant ethnicity or ancestry?

PS Well...

LC That you identify with.

PS We're Irish. And...but really not. I wouldn't say—I'd have to say no to that question. But we are Irish. We had a family member years ago, did the genealogy and traced it back to Ireland and we had a person hung for being a horse thief. In Ireland. years and years ago. And my mother, my mother's side, this-- she always said that we were a relation to Sir Francis Drew. I think it's Sir Frances Drew. Who was knighted by Queen Victoria for his bravery at sea. So, my mother's very proud of that. I've never seen that... but that's all I can answer on that question.

LC Growing up in this area, did you have any particular role models that you identified with?

PS My parents. I grew up right across the street here.

LC Ok.

PS I definitely would have to say my parents. We lived in Mason Bay. We were five miles out of town. We were right here. We didn't get into town. It was a big treat to get into town. So, we were very close-knit. I would absolutely say my parents definitely shaped—my father was a teacher, and then a principle, and then superintendent. So, that shaped my education. And my mother was a reason, I believe, I became a XX (12:47) science teacher. So, I'd have to say definitely that, to your question.

LC What was the, sort of the sibling constellation at home?

PS I am the second of four. I have a brother that is five years older than myself. And my sister and I were very close growing up, we were playmates. And then my brother's six years younger than I am.

LC Do they still live in the area?

PS My brother, my oldest brother lives on Beal's. He married a girl from Beal's Island but he ships out. In fact, he just left for Alaska. And my youngest brother lived in California for a long time and he also ships out, and he's just on his way back from Singapore.

LC Ships out?

PS Ships out. Like, an oil tanker.

LC Okay..

PS Yes. And my sister lives in Florida, in fact she was just right in the middle of that hurricane, Charlie.

LC Yes.

PS She, she lives there and she just came home for a vacation.

LC So, that, you're spread around.

PS We are spread around.

LC And what about your husband's family? Are they...

PS My husband's family? He has a—comes from a very...he only has four children in his family. But his cousin-- the Smith Family are all right here. His brother moved to Cape Cod. What a good interviewer, what a good interview that would be to – his wife, on Cape Cod, but. Talk about regulations.

LC Does she...?

PS Yeah.

LC Where on Cape Cod?

PS Harwich.

LC Ok.

PS Harwich. That—greatly effected there. And his sister, one of his sisters, still lives here in Jonesport, and he has another sister in Portland. His brother is heavily involved in the fishing industry.

LC And what about—in your family, were there any women in fishing at all?

PS My Grandmother Kelly, my mother's mother, worked in a sardine factory, I believe. Other than that, no. No.

LC What would you say, what are your observations of changes in the role of women in fishing in Jonesport in the twenty-five years that you—you know, if you look back, is there anything...are there any differences between now and then?

PS There seem to be more women picking out crabs. And crab, crab pickers. And they've had to be, and they're usually fisherman's wives. Maybe not always, but, so, to me that would be a change that, that is apparent. They've had to get a license and...been many changes like that. In that area. I'm trying to think how to answer that.

LC Are there any women that are, have become fishermen?

PS There are women on that list right there. The Joy Look that I told you, she went with her husband in the boat. I know she's not this year, I think it was last year. When she was a stern man for her husband. Oh, many women do that. I did that one summer. I only could go on flat, calm days so I wasn't a very good—oh, the swells and...that is a very good question. There are more women working with their husbands now than there used to be.

LC What do you think that's in relation to?

PS Maybe better money? I don't think they have to be paid. I think it's maybe the husband, you know, it helps the income. The husband wouldn't have to pay an outsider. A stern man. You know. They keep the money all in the family. That's what I would think.

LC Yeah.

PS That's what we did. Our kids were little and we had a, a lady that came right up to the house, we were very lucky, she stayed. They were just toddlers, but, money was scarce, so. I helped in the boat.

LC And how many children do you have?

PS We have two. Age thirteen and age eleven. Boy and a girl.

LC What's their future in the fishery?

PS That's a very good question. My husband—we just had this conversation. I have asked him for the last few years: shouldn't they be getting their license? And be able to have that summer job that so many kids do? He—my husband does not agree with that. He thinks that if they want to do that for a living, great. Absolutely. But he doesn't think that they will. Especially our daughter, Sarah. He just doesn't agree with that. Plus, my husband's right out straight with quahogging, and lobstering, and to—to, plus to tend the children's traps along with them...he just, I don't think we'll be doing that. So. I, I hope that...how do I word this? I hope that they try other things. I hope they realize that there's a whole big world out there and that they get to see that.

LC Do you think, I mean, is that because of sort of a concern for the future?

PS Yes. From my point of view, yes. Plus, from a mother's point of view, I already worry so much about my husband on the water. I don't want to have to worry about my kids, too. You know?

LC Yes.

PS You know? I'd just worry.

LC Yes. No, that's a very real thing that most of us don't have to deal with.

PS Right. I mean when I see him, when I-- sometimes when he's running late and I'll just take a ride down to the shore and I'll look for his boat, and when I see that boat come down the reach... Oh, he's home safe. And I'm sure many women feel that—

LC Yes.

PS Many wives do that same thing. Or, I'll call the— “Can you tell me if Chris is in yet?”

LC “Can you see him?”

PS Yes, exactly. Or we have friends that live right by the Smith's Wharf and I'll say, “Can you see him? Is he on the mooring yet?” And, you know. They'll run to the window and “Oh, yes, he's in.” or “No, not yet,” or... it's a worry.

LC Yes.

PS Definitely.

LC How does it work in your household in terms of the way you divide up things with your husband? I mean, you both have jobs.

PS Yes.

LC And you both have really full-time jobs.

PS Yes.

LC So, how do you deal with household chores?

PS Well, I'm very lucky. My husband has been probably a better housekeeper than I have. Sometimes. He can be better than I—I mean, just, this house—he's the type that has this knack for organizing. I tend to be very cluttered. And he can come in and he's very handy. He can make shelves and he built, he refinished, this whole house. He's very handy like that. He can also be the biggest slob in the world. But, well, right before you came. I had this house picked up. Now, you look over there. And he dropped the mail,



and that cup—and this is all in a matter of one minute. See the lunch pail. All these cupboards were cleaned off, and I'm coming along behind him. And he was... you know, kind of went... so, that's how it is. But he's very good. I can't complain.

LC So, he chips in.

PS He chips in. And he's a fantastic father. He's so good. No matter how tired he is, he will drop what he is doing, he just got off the boat and he'll go out and play basketball with the kids or, or, our son, right now is on this tennis kick. And I just bought him a tennis racket. So, they'll go out on the lane and just hit the tennis ball back and forth. No matter how tired he is. So, he definitely chips in. yes, he does.

LC Does he do his own bookkeeping for the business? Or do you?

PS I help. But he writes everything down, I do help but he does it for the most part. He has like, a little log book that he has to work. But if there's bill to be paid, like, to Tyler's Marine, I do that. So, we help.

LC It sounds like it's an interchange.

PS Yes. Absolutely. Absolutely.

LC And how does it work in terms of sort of the ownership of things? Like is the boat in his name and something else in your name, or, how have you guys divvied that up?

PS Well...we don't...

LC It goes across the board, by the way. You know? I mean...

PS It does. It does.

LC It is interesting how people make choices.

PS It is. I have a cell phone in my name. I mean, I don't...think of it like that. The boat has my name on it.

LC So, you had shared title for that.

PS Yes.

LC What about the house?

PS The house? Both of our names.

LC And the cars, and...

PS The car, both of our—I, interesting you should say that. He hates to, um, he just the thinks the whole car dealership, buying a car, is a big scam, so, we needed a car desperately. About four years ago. So, we left that up to me. So, I—I went to the car dealership and I negotiated and I think I did a pretty good job. So, I guess the car is mine. But I...yeah. I think that is my name, actually.

LC Good. Let's see... Over time, well—let's just go back and talk about the ways in which your family has been impacted by changes in the fishery.

PS Ok.

LC You've got lobstering, and regulatory changes there, and how that might impact your family. And you said quahogging...

PS Quahogging.

LC Is the other main one.

PS Yes.

LC And then also clam.

PS I don't, he—

LC The quahogging, the lobstering and right now—

PS He did scalloping.

LC Ok.

PS Before. In the wintertime. But that, he hasn't scallop dove for a while.

LC Ok.

PS But he does have a license for that. He used to dive for tuna and scallops. He's never done the mussels. I don't know if he ever would do that.. Is more like a hobby, over the course of 25 years, he's caught five tuna. It's quite a trick to catch them. But that's, that's something that he does on the side. He just totally loves it. He just loves fishing.

LC Does he bring that home for you to consume?

PS No.

LC Or is some of that sold?

PS That's sold. No, you get big money for tuna if you get the right kind. If you get, you know, good size. But it's a trick, to do it. He enjoys it. That's more like a hobby but he does have a permit for tuna fishing.

LC What about lobstering? I mean, has he been lobstering from the very beginning?

PS Yes. He lobstered with his father, for years, ever since he was a small boy. And his father died and left the boat and all the—all his equipment to Chris and his brother Mark. So, Chris does the lobstering here. And that season just started for him.

LC What percentage of your household income, would you say, is from lobstering?

PS What percent....well, mainly, it's quahogging. That's what he does. In other years...

LC Is quahogging the main...

PS Yes, it is. Quahogging's the main, but, you see, it's shut down because of red tide.

LC Yes.

PS So, he's lucky he has the lobstering, too. Quahogging's the main thing. I'm going to say lobstering...he does that probably twenty-five percent. He lobsters June, July, through November.

LC And then quahogging, if it wasn't shut down...

PS He'd be doing that, too. He'd be doing both.

LC Ok.

PS So, just right out straight in the summer time.

LC So, about twenty—you know, if you looked on an annual basis, and you averaged it out over the last couple of years, about twenty percent of your income would be from lobstering?

PS I would think so.

LC And then quahogging...

PS Would be—maybe it's even less for lobstering. But quahogging is definitely the big, the big—

LC But, more than fifty percent?

PS Oh, yes.

LC Sixty percent?

PS Definitely.

LC And where does your income fit in?

PS My income? My income, oh dear. That's such a controversial thing. For the teaching, teacher's salaries aren't the greatest. But, I'm not complaining. I have my summer. You'll never hear me complain. It helps, definitely. Every little bit helps.

LC Is it like, twenty percent?

PS I would think so. I'm going to say less on lobster, too. Because lobster...

LC Ok.

PS These math questions throw me right into a quandary. I'm...going to say less on lobster. I said twenty percent, but it's probably more like fifteen.

LC Ok. So, about fifteen on lobstering, about fifty on quahogging...

PS Oh, definitely.

LC And about twenty on...

PS I'm going to say more on quahogging. It's more than fifty.

LC Sixty...sixty?

PS And, I must be twenty-five.

LC So, that makes up a hundred. Close enough. It's, it's close enough. Now, does he do anything else during the year, you know, outside of fishing to, to—

PS Earn money?

LC Yes for instance down south some people go logging and have other occupations in addition to fishing.

PS He's totally dependant on fishing. But he could do other things. I mean, he has his degree in electronics. He, I mean, I just think he could be a carpenter. I mean, he's so gifted. He's very smart. Very smart. He would turn the color of that bag, he's so modest, but...but, as of right now, totally dependant on fishing.

LC Yes.

PS And the ocean. That's his life. That's his life, really. And to have that permit, you can imagine. To have that ground fish permit—I will never forget the day. We weren't living here, but the day he got notice of that, that he could no longer do that. I mean, after we just bought that boat. I mean, we just bought that boat. And we had, we were just starting out. We had only been married a few years.

LC Yes.

PS It was kind of scary. Like, oh, what are you going to do? And he said, I don't know, I'll think of something.

LC Do you remember the specifics of the regulation? I mean, I can always dig that up. It's just—

PS No.

LC Not to worry.

PS Yes, I... wished I knew, I'll tell you, I don't bring the subject up much, because it does bother him so.

LC Yes.

PS He said it just felt like his heart was just ripped right out of him. And he's not the only fisherman that happened to. I mean, the reason that...the reason, I mean, that we've done so...I don't know how...just stayed afloat, is because he's such a hard worker. And he's so diversified. He can, I mean, do all these things on the ocean. These different fishing, like the tuna fishing, the lobstering, the quahogging. I mean, the lobsters been a godsend, really, for us. It's been very helpful. You know, without the gill netting that he'd so depended on.

LC And what's...what kind of hit are you going to take with, um, the closed quahogging beds?

PS Well, it's been closed now for oh...about a month. It's been closed for a good three weeks. We, well, we were talking—let's put it this way. Before all this, we were talking about getting a jet ski. So, I told the kids, you know, we won't be making any big purchases like that. Just, we'll be—we're fine. But we just can't go... any big expenses.

LC Yes. Wait. And so, you're thinking this is going to last for another...?

PS They're talking maybe a few more weeks? It could be well into September. My husband is also the president of the Maine Quahoggers Association. So, he just talked with a guy yesterday about this closure, and he, this man, is going to do another test on

Thursday. And that will determine—it could be a few more weeks. So, there are fishermen—

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LC Are there any associations that you or your husband belong to or support?  
Fisherman's Association?

PS Well, my husband's the president of the Maine Quahoggers Association. And I believe he's, he's a member of the Maine Lobsterman's Association. I know his father was. I—think Chris is. But he's big-time into, of course, the quahog.

LC Are there any women's organizations?

PS For fishing?

LC Yes.

PS No.

LC You know, Jonesport-Beal's Island Fisherman's Wives Association?

PS No, not that I know of.

LC Yes.

PS What a good idea, though. I don't know of any. I suppose women can belong to the—women can belong to them, but they don't.

LC Yes. But, the fisherman's wives organizations tend to have a different flavor.

PS Yes.

LC And, and focus.

PS I've never heard of it. I suppose they must be in existence.

LC Yes. But, not here.

PS No...

LC Gloucester has a big one.

PS Really?

LC New Bedford has them, Stonington has a...

PS What's Stonington's size?

LC Um, the Stonington one, um-- TAPE PAUSED. [00:1:34]

PS I know there's a health insurance through the Lobsterman's Association. We don't have insurance through them. We have insurance through school. Well, I do. We always did have but it was just so expensive. It was much cheaper for me to keep my insurance through school and then we pay separately for Chris, my husband, and the children. It's not through, it's not through a fishing based...

LC Oh. So, your health insurance is for you alone...

PS Through school. And then we pay separately through the same company, but not through my paycheck. It doesn't come out. Used to, for years and years. But it was ridiculous. It, the rates just soared. So, it was much, much cheaper for us to stop that and, you know, get other insurance. Another insurance coverage. To pay a higher deductible.

LC What about your plans for your children in terms of education? Are you, have you changed—I mean, your children aren't ready to jump off and go to college tomorrow—

PS No.

LC But—

PS She can't wait. She's thirteen going on about eighteen.

LC Yes.

PS But anyway, oh, we saved for college. Been putting money aside for years and years. And they, you know, hopefully, will go to college. That's our plan for them.

LC So, that's your desire. A lot of families want their sons and daughters to go into the fisheries.

PS I want them to do what they want to do. But, hopefully, college will be in their plan. I know, the push now in grammar schools But, um, the big, in the elementary schools, about career preparation. That's a big change, and, and, having your kids look at different colleges. My daughter, I mean, last year went on a tour of a few colleges with her school. I mean, that's unus—that's different. I'm glad. I think it's great. But um, big college push. So. They've been thinking about it. My daughter says she wants to go to a school in Massachusetts. Bentley, I think she said. I've never heard of it. But...she saw through school something like that. It really interested her. And my son says Harvard. He wants to

be a lawyer. Maybe! But I think I better start saving a little bit more. But anyway. So. They, I hope whatever they do, they're happy with. You know. If they want to go into fishing—great. I just, like I said before—I want them to be aware it's a big world out there. Lots of opportunity.

LC Has there been any way in which your life has been—you have had to make different choices because of changes in the fishery?

PS I've had to make different choices?

LC You and your family.

PS Different choices...um, well, there have been, in the past, certain times of the year when money was tight. Tighter than usual. Um...well, a big choice, like I said, when the kids were little I was a stay-at-home mother for a year and a half. And it was wonderful, staying with the kids. And I had resigned from my teaching job and then the engine of Chris' boat blew. Plus, the fishing that year was bad. It was a bad year. So, money was very, very tight. My job, the lady that had taken my place while I was on maternity leave, was no longer—she was no longer going to teach. So, that job became available again. So, I had to reapply. I decided right then I've got to get back to teaching. So, that helped. That was a big change. That was a—definitely a decision because of the fishing.

LC Because it was a bad year in fishing...

PS Bad year, and—

LC Coupled with—

PS ...financially, had to get back to work.

LC What about any obvious or not so obvious ways that fishing regulations have impacted your family? Has there been a, you know, stress?

PS Yes.

LC Any marital issues?

PS Yes, because of the ground fish permit...

LC Health issues....

PS No health issues. No health issues. We're very healthy. Knock on wood. But. Again, this permit, and the gill netting—that has upset Chris, and he has talked about that a few times. Like I said, I try not to bring up that subject much because it is upsetting. But, um, that would be the thing that stands in my mind the most. He's—in the lobstering, limiting



the number of traps, 800 traps that they can fish, that's – that's another. That's a change that effected us.

LC How did it affect you?

PS Well, he can't fish more than that.

LC Yes.

PS I mean, it's 800 traps. You know. Not a thousand. It's 800.

LC So, it was more of an economic hit than it was—

PS Right.

LC ...any other way...

PS Financially.

LC Yes.

PS I'm going to say financially. So.

LC Now, have you or anybody that you know in this community had issues with either drugs, alcohol, or abuse?

PS In our community, certainly. Yes. None in our little immediate family, in our little family but—

LC Specifically, responding to regulations and the stress caused by—

PS Oh, I see what you're saying.

LC More, that's—not just in general, although I know it's an issue in general in any community.

PS It is. Right. It's definitely an issue in this community. Washington County is one of the highest drug use... but, I don't know if I could answer that. I'm not sure, really. I don't know the answer to that. Directly related to fishing? I don't know.

LC Ok, well, put that one aside and just say, in general—

PS Ok.

LC ...in the community...

PS In general, in the community....

LC Drugs, alcohol, or spousal abuse issues.

PS I know there's a committee that has been formed this past year. It is a drug and alcohol committee that is made up of concerned members of the community. I'm not sure if they would attribute that drug problem to fishing.

LC They are probably not even trying to do that.

PS No. I've never heard....

LC There is in Southern New England, a perception of fishermen liking to drink really hard. Does that get worse when there's a regulatory change?

PS I don't know...

LC When people are out of work? You know?

PS I don't know. Very good...I haven't paid attention to that. I—I don't know...

LC Yeah, it's also a little bit different up here because you're—you have fewer....you have a smaller crew. People are operating with smaller crews. They tend to be themselves and a stern man.

PS Right.

LC By and large.

PS Right.

LC Rather than a large crew—

PS Right.

LC ...multi-day trip.

PS Right. My husband has two stern men.

LC He operates one boat, two stern men...

PS He operates....normal, well, when quahogging's not—these two, two boats, two stern men. The same two stern men. They both, they do both fishes. So.

LC And he owns both boats?

PS He does. He owns one totally by himself, and then he co-owns his lobster boat with his brother Mark, from Cape Cod. But. And then he has another play boat that we call—that he tuna fishes out of. So. Anyway. But.

LC And do you guys own those outright?

PS Well, we own—yes, we do.

LC Well that's... the heart of it. I mean, I think there's more, Pam—

PS Ok. TAPE PAUSED 00:11:17 END of TRACK 2.