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Angelique Jennings: [00:00:01](#) Ok, my name is Angelique Jennings and I'm a student at Georgia Southern University. I'm here with Scott conducting a oral history interview as a part of the project fishing traditions and fishing futures, oral histories of commercial fishing in Georgia. I have already received consent and permission to record from LC Scott, but could you please confirm that out loud?

LC Scott: Sure.

AJ: Thank you. I just have some questions, brief questions that are going to guide us, but I really want to encourage you to tell me your stories. Um, I know a lot of people you can focus on regulations and things, but we really want to focus on getting your stories and experiences...

LC: Shrimpin?

AJ: ...and we also want to encourage to just turning off your phone before we begin as well. So. OK, thank you. So my first question is, can you just tell me a little bit about when and where you grew up?

LC: [00:01:07](#) Yep, I grew up, we call it Briar Patches, back in the outskirts of Darien, about maybe 10 miles from here. It's a community we call it Briar patch and on down. The other part is Crescent(?), but we was in the first settlement, it was just little Briar Patch. Since I was growing up, a little boy,

AJ: What was life like in your family?

LC: It was wonderful. Beautiful for me. Didn't have to worry about too much of anything, you know, we didn't have electric light at first as we started growing up and everything started changing and then get the electric light, then we get the indoor bathroom, stuff like that. And we would plant a little garden

was pretty good sized but my aunt, she was the one who raised me (?), but she will take her canned stuff up, you know like peas, butter beans, okra, tomatoes, corn and put the potatoes, sweet potatoes in the back and we'll smoke the whole and all that kind of stuff. It was really nice.

AJ: [00:02:20](#) Did you have a lot of interactions with your neighbors?

LC: [00:02:23](#) Yeah, had one or two of them close to me. We would play in that if I will go down the dirt road a little, maybe a mile or half a mile [inaudible] me and the boys will shoot basketball, stuff like that and sneak off and go into the waterhole or learn how to swim. But after I got that [inaudible], but it was nice. Yeah. And then thinking back in the days was really wonderful. My cousin, he was on the shrimp boat and my brother growing up I wanted to see what its like and when I went out with him, I got sea sick, and I lay on the floor and they bring me back after they get through and I'll go right back and fight it out, kind of got used to it, it worked out pretty good.

AJ: [00:03:20](#) So you just told me that your cousin and your brother were both on the boat that influenced your decision to go fishing, then, and shrimping?

LC: [00:03:29](#) Yeah. My daddy was shrimping before they was, but he was working out of Key West, and my cousin and my brother they was working... we call it Bellville down there from Jean Brennan (?) shrimp dock. And I just want to see what it was like. But anyway, I was on there. I keep going to it and I got used to it and come out of high school and I said I'm gonna go shrimpin. And I started shrimpin, kept right on it until a few years back, and now I'm back on the water again.

AJ: [00:04:08](#) So what initially took you off the boat when you left?.

LC: [00:04:12](#) I got off the water and because it was the one season it wasn't making no money and I have a few bills I wanted to get, you know, out of the way. And I found me a little hill work. Found some of that to start doing, and I did it for quite a while, then I turned it loose (?) after I got a certain age.

AJ: And what attracted you back again?

LC: The guys they wanted someone to go with them for the beach opening (?). That was Leon Skipper (?) him and his captain [inaudible] they wanted someone to go with him, they was looking for a big amount, and I told them I'll go, because I was

just sittin home, and I went with them, I helped them out, and still on the water with them now. And we start back, they asked me to stay on the boat, so I told them ok I'll stay. I like workin with him, he's a pretty good fella.

AJ: [00:05:11](#) Now, can you tell me how your involvement in shrimping changed over the years? Like, not just even in this gap, but while you were consistently shrimping..

LC: [00:05:23](#) How did it change? Well it went from whatever we call it, from bad to good to worse and all of that so it was not so awfully bad but It wasn't getting the money out of the stuff [inaudible] like it was before (?), we had to [inaudible] right along a little bit at a time. It would come up a little then go back down. We just tough it out.

AJ: So did you work in between while there were bad times?

LC: Yeah, I would - back then was like, they started building the interstate out there 95, and the when the season close - once a month like they do now (?). But I would go in there and work, we was hauling the one of the stuff the tractors they do the sand with (?), I did some of that and then I was um, helpin build the bridges. I did some of what everything I could think about over there, put the guardrails up, all that.

AJ: If you compare that sort of work to shrimping, what are the differences for you?

LC: different would be, out here we call it hill work. You steady doing something out there when you're on the hill, you know, you go to the job [inaudible] do this one (?) and it might last for two hours and go do something else and then a kick (?). But you always have something steady to do when you're on the hill doing that type of work. And the shrimpin is where you'll sit back and if you, if you're not the captain and you the striker then you can go on the deck on the boat. Then you sat down and if he tell you to pull the try nets, some of those guys want to pull it their self, we have the little net to see if you catchin any shrimp. You pull it, you pick the shrimp up, you count it, you put it in a basket and set it back out and lay back again and just relax. Look at the sky and the water, look at boats around you, sometimes we try to count the airplanes when they come through, but that's hard to do. There be so many. They goin north and south, so sit back, sometimes we'll clean the boat up [inaudible] get the side of the rails and all upside and we'll take the scrub brushes struggling mud off the side of the rail down in there, keep it clean, maybe grease the [inaudible] we need

some line change and if we have some on the boat will change the line, put a new one on. It's more relaxing on the boat than it is on the hill. The captain aint gonna say too much to you unless he just wanna be talkin with you. But you on the hill work, you have a foreman and he always gonna be peepin to see if you workin or you movin. It's a big difference (?) see If you on the shrimp boat, sit back, captain may look at you but there aint nothin else he can do because he gotta be draggin the net. So we just keep everything cool like that. Yep.

AJ: So what was one of your favorite days on the boat?

LC: When we catch a whole lot of shrimp. Like maybe 15 or 20 baskets of shrimp one time, you know, we just drag maybe an hour or 45 minutes and be pull the nets up and you got maybe 20 baskets of shrimp or more. That's when you feel really nice. Count your money. But it's all well, it's good. Now you have some days when you might not do as well but it's still. I mean I'd be just as happy to go because I know there's going to be some days you going to catch and some days you're not, you catch some when there don't be as much as other days but when you find them and catch them and you happy. [inaudible] days when you don't find as much.

AJ: So when do you usually start off the day?

LC: Well we normally leave like early in the morning so sometimes we leave 2:30, 3:30, it all depends on the tide. From when we on the water, the boat that I'm on now because we have a bridge and we have to come under the bridge on a lower tide because it'd be too high - the mast would touch the bridge so we make sure we don't be touching and we can leave around 5:00 sometimes. It's all different times. Then when we get up to the fishing grounds, it'd be like just daylight, then we set the nets then we go to draggin [inaudible].

AJ: How long do you stay out on the water?

LC: [00:10:39](#) We stay like, the one I'm on now, we don't stay as long. We come back and go [inaudible] every day, but now before that, When I was working in Florida in the Gulf , we go out and stay nine or 10 days, but on this coast --we call this the east coast -- the Gulf coast is down in Florida though, Fort Myers, Key West and those places like that, we still like 9 days, 10. Some of the guys, they look like the lifetime -- they have freezer boats longer 30 days, but the longest I ever stayed out there is nine nights -- we fish like that, because it's too far to run back every day. You're going to have low fuel(?) to work with. But this coast, we

goes out every morning and come back every maybe three, four, maybe, let's see I guess about five hours in, in the longer days. And that's with the guy I'm working with now, but some of the rest of us, we would stay, we might spend a night or two nights. Some of the fellows do, not too regular. Most of the guys want to be home, I don't want to sleep on the boat, I want to sleep in my bed. It's still your bed on the boat if you stay [laughing]. Drop the anchor, you know, might come in on the inside, toward the sound, we call it, you know, there'll be calm water, drop the anchor, get up in the morning, then run back offshore where you're supposed to work at.

AJ: [00:12:18](#) OK. And do you prefer to take longer trips or the shorter trips?

LC: [00:12:25](#) Well, on this coast, I would prefer to shorter trip, because we want to be, you won't be, you're not far from home, because we go on the out outside of three miles around the coast maybe right off of Sapelo, right off of Brunswick [inaudible] two and a half or three hours then come back. But some of the places is short enough (?) to come in and out. But if I was in the Gulf, we would have to take the longer one.

AJ: [00:13:06](#) So after everything you've told me, is fishing central to your community?

LC: [00:13:16](#) Yeah, for the men folks, that was the only thing that was normally going on for quite some time. You know, for me growing up it was shrimpin, and one or two fellows would work to the [inaudible], there wasn't too many of those, then most of them would go shrimpin, and it wasn't too much [inaudible] work, a little bit was, but the old, some of the older men, it comes from pub work (?) for a minute or two, but the rest of us, we start growing up, and we decided we gonna go shrimpin. We thought it was the big thing man, we wished it was (?). It was good making money years ago, but the other guys, some was much older than us, they would be getting off of the water, so we take over (?). It was good. My daddy was a shrimper, but he did all his shrimpin in the Gulf, off of Key West. [inaudible] Tortugas. Man, they would go to Campeche, the Yucatan over to Mexico, that's the Campeche area. They stay like ninety days. That's too long for me. I mean two or three trips [inaudible], but we stay like 30 something days and come back. You be working, like someone coming back from Campeche, come in to Tampa, then you'll ship the shrimp....

LC: [00:14:51](#) ...or put them on another boat, then you'll bring em across, then when you get through makin your trip you're coming back. It was... okay. It was, not bad. [inaudible] the shrimpin was

doing real good one time because it was making good money, and about around the Christmas time, going, going down to Florida, they come home and have him a new car. We thought it was something to do where we get out of school and we figured that would be a good job, which it was. We did it. quite a few of us, most everyone in the community and Darien over here. Brunswick, Darien, Savannah, Carolina. There was shrimpers, all the way down the coast. It was nice. I enjoyed it. I guess it will take me on for another two or three years, I hope. I'm gonna try it anyway. I don't think I'll go back to the Gulf.

I might go one, maybe next winter just to see what it's like. Again, bringing back memories, that's it. You catch a fish, but now they don't want you to catch no fish in the Gulf, so we're gonna look at swim by the boat, go all around -- big difference.

It's nice. I think I'll keep doing it for a while. Two years, two years, maybe three years, I don't know. As long as I got some good help, I can keep going. Right now, I feel like I can do another three years.

AJ: [00:16:32](#)

What were your favorite memories in the Gulf.

LC: [00:16:35](#)

Favorite memory in the Gulf was, let's see.. what did I get at when I was over there? We was working and I think I was a captain and I took and I, we had the [inaudible] (plotters?) and The Lorans. I was, I think I dropped the anchor -- we drag at night--[inaudible] we sleep in the day so I went and put the anchor down, and we eat breakfast, I walked on the stern and I seen the fish swimming, you know, fast, I thought it was bonito, so I looked at them, and I rigged some trash over the boat, over the side of the rail, overboard, and I throw the hook over and I caught one of them, then I found out it was tuna, and I started just putting some more and I was catching them, and they was catching the line, and the thing that was getting me was the way they back up, you know you catch, you'll throw the line over and catch them and then they go to backing up, and I said, I didn't know no fish could back up...

LC: [00:17:42](#)

[inaudible] They could back up faster than they could go ahead. I was looking, I was hookin em too. And, I was, they was just fun for me, I was just smiling back and laughing, so I told the striker "look how those jokers backin up." Then he start trying to catch them and we, boy every time he catch one they'd backup under the boat. That was just all I needed to see. I was [inaudible] every morning and dropped anchor and we'd catch them. Some of them we let them go back. It was just fun doing it because some of the other guys they come but they didn't catch as many

as we did or they was, it was, I laid back and think about those fish. Nice. We had a lot of good time. Sometimes you get on the stern, the guys come up to you. Pull the anchor, come up, [inaudible] go talk with them and laughing and talking about different things and how are we gonna catch them, most of we say "we gonna kill him tonight." We go catch em. Some try to look and might find nothin. [inaudible] Sit back and laughing and talking about all kinds of different things or what you're going to do when they get back to the dock – we call it the hill – what you're going to do and stuff like that. Just really nice, good memories. Meet a lot of people over there. Get on the radio, call them up, talk with them. We had a lot of fun.

AJ: Were they like your family?

LC: [00:19:18](#) Yes some of them. Most of them, yeah...it was cousin, cousin, cousin. I was on one boat and my daddy was on another. We talk over there when we be there. My brother was a captain and I was a striker, so call him up every night and talk with him. go up to the stern and the day time, where you sleep (?). Then maybe 2:00 or three we'll pull anchor and go talk with him. Maybe talked with some of the cousin or just different people. We be fishing mostly in a group that would be off from each other, but then a lot of people we know from here, we would talk with them. It was a lot of good time over there when I was working in the Gulf, and here. Both, I like them both. I was glad to go, and once the season close here, I'd be glad to go the Gulf. You go off the Tortugas, you don't work. I didn't go to [inaudible] too many times.

LC: [00:20:21](#) We'd go over there too, me and my cousin. I've been on striker with him go to {inaudible} and catch rock shrimp, regular shrimp. But the fun part over there is, you be draggin your nets, maybe, they say all night, you might have two baskets of shrimp, they call it a daylight flash. Just before maybe an hour before daylight, then you pull your try net up, then you got em. Then you pull your big rigs up, and there's nothin but shrimp. Then you might be on the deck for half a day tryin to head em up. It's just, that's how shrimpin was for some reasons. You won't catch nothing to be put on board [inaudible]. You drag your looking for shrimp, going fine and then all of a sudden just before daylight, pull your try net to get the shrimp, pull the big rigs up, they just full of nothin but shrimp. They look, the shrimp over there, different color, look more like a peppermint stick. Just have a prettier color. But we catch em, oh we got em. That'd make the captain happy, crew on the boat get happy. Everybody happy?

- LC: [00:21:43](#) It's really nice, been around certain places, shrimpin, from all those years and also worked for, uh, Mike Hagan (?), down out of Fort Myers, downtown, I worked for Gene Brennan (?), [inaudible], Mike Phillips for a little while. Most of my shrimpin I was with um, for Gene Brennan (?), and I worked for Mike Hagan (?) a while, now I'm back on this coast again. [inaudible] on the grave digger (?). [inaudible] It's a lot of good times in shrimpin. Some of the guys go out and catch them, some [inaudible], some of them go out and tear the nets up first thing then they have to come back, change the net, [inaudible], but if we don't find them [inaudible] can't make em. So we have to come on back and wait till the next day or sometime we take off a day or two, then we go back and see if we can find em then. On this coast, it's good.
- LC: [00:23:04](#) I put quite a few years in doin it, a long time. Mostly that was both the whole, all my work I was doing, just shrimpin, but I did, ya know, some other stuff, like got dredge work a little bit. Some of, all of it, I'm not a jack of all trades, but all of the ones that I've been on, I can handle it. Really good, yep.
- AJ: I've been hearing a lot about the positions on the boat lately; So, how do you become a captain?
- LC: Well, you start off being a striker. Once you learn how to do the striker work on the deck, when they dump the [inaudible], then they pull the nets in. You have to know how to head a shrimp and they wash them off and they got to put them down on ice bin. Ice them. And you've got to know how to set your nets. You have to know how to change the oil, check oil, all of that stuff, you gonna have to know how to do it from the bow to the stern. If something's going wrong, you got to know what to do.
- LC: [00:24:30](#) If the engine quit, how we going to get it cranked back up. If you knew how to do it, then you go do that and it's just the whole thing going around and around, but you got to pay attention to everything. Plus you have to know I don't take a boat in and out. You can't be a captain and just say I'm the captain, but you don't know how to get up the river and then when you go from the sound, you have channels with the buoys in it, and sometimes with a northeaster, the buoys leave, they drift away, but to be the captain, you got to learn how to handle all the equipment up there on the boat. You got the loran, you got the radar. Back when we started we didn't have all that stuff. We didn't have no radar. We didn't have no loran.
- LC: [00:25:23](#) All that we had was a compass. That's the one I learned off of, with my cousin. It be dark, and we goin down the river and its

dark, he don't turn the light on, [inaudible] I seen him standing in the window lookin, so I said, what you be lookin for up the river, because it already dark. I don't see nothing. He's looking at the marsh grass because we don't be that far from it, that he running around the marsh grass and that's how he keeps his bearing and run out the river like that. But you have to know how to do all of that before you can be a captain. You have to know how to call the coast guard. You have to know the whole works (?), if the boat start leaking, what to do. It's all come in (?). You don't, you won't be a captain in a year or two, but you know, you have to be on the striker list first and then once you find out, once you got [inaudible] you got to watch him and see what he be doing

LC: [00:26:24](#) I did [inaudible] too. I said "what you going down in there for." Go down in the engine room. So he go down there to check the engine, check the oil. Then make sure that we get to put some water in it. With the GM you'd have to put water in it, mostly every morning. But the Caterpillar mostly have a [inaudible] tank, so you don't have to worry bout that as much. And he'd look around [inaudible] ... my cousin went down in there, so I'm going right down there behind him. I wanna see what he doing. That's how I get to find out the whole thing about the engine. He checked the oil, so he tells me no, you check the oil. So I pull the stick out and look. Might need to add a little bit, put it back, we add something to it. Go around, check the clutch and look around, make sure everything alright, batteries in, coming apart or something..

LC: [00:27:20](#) ..sometimes the connection. We could do all that and come on back out and really crank it up. Well, I know how to do that. So he started letting me go in there – he'd stay out. I checked the oil and the clutch and put some water in the radiator. Come on back up, tell me everything good. I take the lines off. He crank up, to be ready to go and go on down the river. We'd start shrimpin, take them back up, take the nets up, then we dump the bags and I'll head the shrimp, and he would go back to the wheel. He [inaudible] some of the captains would come and help ya work on the deck, some lazy. They will stay, stay on the side of the wheel, they stay up there and drive. They'll talk about the crew on the deck, so you don't pay no attention, but we um, we do all that and then you've got to go down with the ice and shrimp, you know, do all that, that's the thing we have to learn before you can become a captain, and sometimes you go to be up on the wheel with him...

LC: [00:28:27](#) Then you going down the river at night, and he can let you hold the wheel. Sometimes when you're coming in, if the nets have a

hole and the captain want to sew the hole, while you're watchin how you do it, you can bring the boat back to the dock. While he's [inaudible] sewing the hole up therefore you're gonna be in all them gnats, because a certain time of the year the gnats be, they be hard to, um, to work on, you know, when you get to the dock they have to do it coming down the river, and I [inaudible] let me hold the wheel. I thought I was a big man then. My cousin was [inaudible]. He was one of the, I don't know what to call it, but he was, he was a shrimp catching man, when he taught me the whole work (?). I said well that's good. The only the thing, I can be captain, but sewing the net was kinda difficult for me.

LC: [00:29:22](#) I can sew some holes, but some of em, [inaudible] some shrimp, but I ain't got time to throw {inaudible} and then, throw the net back over, try to catch em before they leave. You know, you hit, catch em one time, you hit em, then they might move. Then you have to go around all kinda places to try to find em. All of that come in to be a captain. Knowing what to do. You got to know how to run the river, how far to stay off the beach, how far to stay off the breakers, and how to go around the breakers, run the channels, come in and out. Then when you get to the dock you can't run over the other boats, [inaudible] you got to know how to stop it, all that.. that's captain. They know how to fix things, for sure. The main thing is to know how to fix something to keep working. If you don't know how to do that, well, you have to come back to the dock. Or get someone to pull you in, but some things you can fix yourself.

LC: [00:30:24](#) [inaudible] you know, you look at it, you know, you have to, I know a way how to fix it. Then you have to know how to fix it - you find ya some stuff off the boat, [inaudible] on there and put it together, sometimes you can finish the whole day. Then you can fix it when you get to the dock. You got that part done. Now, I know how to do that. I remember one time, we was out working, and um, the clutch start leaking, so we put a piece of rubber glove we head the shrimp, put it on it. The oil be sorta hot (?) burnt a hole in it and still was coming out, so I looked at it and I had some boots, you know, leather boots, so I cut the tongue(?) part that be in the shoe, I cut it off because it was leather, and I went down and wrap around putting along and then tied with some string twine and we run for about a week just like that. Then it started leaking. I think the leather get hot and then somebody must be just [inaudible] just stop it from the oil coming out, we use that. So we got a new line. That's all it (?). [inaudible] It's a lot of things we can do to be become a captain, you know, how to fix them and keep going, stuff like that.

- AJ: How long did it take you to become a captain?
- LC: [00:31:53](#) Let' see I worked with uh my cousin Dave for quite a few years. Maybe about five or six years I think and maybe longer. And then we was working for gene brandon (?), down there out of Bellville (?). he had a boat called the turmoil and he actually told me if I wanted to run it. I told him yeah. So I get the boat and I got my uncle to work with me and we uh, started going [inaudible] after I seen how to go out the river with my cousin, I said well, I could do it, but fuel and ice and groceries and we'd go on down the river, but I was still like maybe go a day, stay one, maybe a night, maybe two, then I'll come back in the daytime, in the afternoon. It didn't take too long, I guess maybe six, seven, eight years, after that I start running as captain myself. I've take boats to Key West, down to we call it, we go down the beach, you know when we leave from up there, we go down to the beach for Thanksgiving trip, or Christmas (?) We go down off of St Augustine and for a little bit past that...
- LC: [00:33:12](#) And we'll work maybe five days, then we'd come back. We'd call that big time. Man, we think we're doing something. To find [inaudible] 10 or 20 boxes of shrimp, now that's good. Yep. But it took me about that long to be a captain. Right now I can take any out, any boat it is now, I can handle it. Go on out to any place. Know how to punch it in, get the [inaudible] punch in your reading and go. [inaudible] I mean I have a lot of my old readings from my numbers from when I was in Florida workin, I still have all my books and stuff with the [inaudible] and the coast I would run from one place to the other, and sea buoys. All of the sea buoys I have reading numbers on em. Some being(?) captain again, if I'm goin that way, I would just punch em in. If they move the buoy, set it up at a different place, see what I do, I be offshore of them. Either way I go, it woudn't matter. But if the old read still be there, I can still go to the old read. But, it's good. That's what we call being a captain. Got to remember a lot of things. Yep. Because if you don't know how to run the coast, you could get in a lot of trouble. You run up on the breaker, well, sometimes you get off and not too [inaudible] all depends on the tide. The tide is coming, your chance is to get it back off...
- LC: [00:34:47](#) ..And if not, you might be finished. Then you call the coast guard. They have to come in to get the crew off the boat because sometimes we don't take but a few minutes and the [inaudible] That's, that's being a cabinet. Knowing how to run the coast.
- AJ: [00:35:13](#) Did you prefer being a captain or did you prefer being a striker?

Well, it's, like over here I prefer being a striker, but if I were going to be in the Gulf, I would rather be the captain. Because I know how long I would want to stay [inaudible] I wanna work at. In the Gulf, it's different, you know like off of Tortugas and we could, I almost stayed, uh 10 days, and some of the captain, they wanna go stay 20. I go to thinkin (?), man that's a long time. Then they looking back. looking around, but you don't see nothin but sky and water. Then you'll see some boats, other boats, that's it, you'll see other boats here and there, [inaudible] you don't see no boats. Nah, I'd rather be a captain in the Gulf, but over here I can handle it. I know, when we stay (?) maybe two or three days over here, but it's worth being a captain here too, especialy (?) if you can find some shrimp. But I'd like to go up to the northern (?) and work. Sometimes maybe off of Brunswick and then I'll come back like that back and forth and go be (?) a captain over here, now that's what I would do. It's nice. I like being a striker for, the one I'm workin with now. I prefer being a striker with him, because he comin home. I don't care what, maybe two drags or three drags, we come into the dock. That's down with me, Leon (?), that's down with [inaudible] come on back, and we go back in the morning. Its good.

LC: [00:36:51](#) I wouldn't mind being a captain there, but I would have to, you know, the boat would have to be a nice boat, but I'd be alright. Something won't be breaking down all the time. They have to keep [inaudible] to go down in there, and all of that, to fix something. It'd be nice. Sometimes, no matter what boat you get on, you gotta fix something [inaudible]. That'd be good.

AJ: [00:37:16](#) So what are some positive and negative changes in the fishery for your community over your lifetime?

LC: [00:37:26](#) Well, we didn't have too much of the negative stuff because, everybody, most in the community, we had something to do. if one wouldn't shrimp fish, they was working at a plant - maybe the [inaudible] mill.. [inaudible] but now, for me and some of the others, we had us a little way to get around (?). We go shrimpin. If you don't go shrimpin. Like I would do, I went to school (?), talk with different people, see if they need some work done. [inaudible] You know, the work they doin, I would do that for them [inaudible] but this guy didn't do all that. We're trying to catch on to the, something, I don't know what it really was, but I didn't catch it. It's pretty good, because the community now, with the boys in the community now, they won't even look at a shrimp boat. One or two [inaudible] could probably count the ones who are workin on a boat now. And the ones that don't work on the shrimp boat, they don't work at

all. They don't go to the dock. So they just - shrimpin gonna be kinda down for our community. I don't know how it be over here in Darien, but, they about the same, because they're ain't too many fellow that wanna work on shrimp no more. [inaudible] a lot of people just want someone to go with them. Because they so lazy so [inaudible] like me, I'm getting up in age but I'll still go a little bit. Help them out [inaudible]

AJ: Why do you think the younger people don't want to get involved in shrimping?

LC: Uh, I think the biggest part is they think they can make a living selling drugs. That's the biggest problem (?) that can be the whole, everything for them. Us older people, we know different. That ain't gonna make it for them [inaudible]. It's going to be hard on down the line. They gonna be workin for the state. Most of them, so, that'll take care of them, but just maybe three or four boys, I know that, you know, shrimp a little bit. They still trying to do it - not too many, but the guys I know, they just leave - they don't wanna do nothin. I guess the parents take care [inaudible] more better for them. I would say. I don't know how other people would look at it - could be a little different.

AJ: [00:40:27](#) So what is the most rewarding part of your job?

LC: The rewarding part of my job, on the shrimpin part? Well, I don't know. [inaudible] It's more like, one thing I'm glad I really don't have to do it, but I'm still doing it, but the rewarding part is getting the recognition from the people that I worked for. They appreciate what I did for them, especially when I was in the Gulf. [inaudible]. The guy I worked for in the Gulf, like, he would call me and want me back. If I was just striking, I'd just, with someone down on this end, then he would call me, to maybe go to Texas and get one of the boats for him and workin over there for maybe a month or so then bring it back to Tortugas and back to Fort Myers, and I would do all that for him and sometime I go to Fort Myers and take a boat out for him, and stuff like that. Just the way they would treat me. That was the best thing, you know, talk to you nice. Don't try to run you back on the water. Cause I guess all that was really the way to treat em..

LC: [00:41:49](#) A man, anyway, you know, treat anybody, a person, every now and then they would treat their strikers good. That was, make me, you know, make a person feel like working for you. I really appreciate all of that, what they was doin. The other people now, like Jim Brandon, because he's a church-goin man anyway,

but he didn't mistreat you. Treat you like he's supposed to be - talk to you nice. What you (?) need for the boat, he'll get it. Something go wrong, he'll fix it. He know how to do most of the work himself. [inaudible] pull it up, he'll fix the boat. Talk to you, treat you good. That's, that's the part that I really like. [inaudible] anything. I sure appreciate what you did. I know he had to overhaul the engine once on one of the boat I was a captain of, and um, I was on the front working, and I couldn't keep the oil in it.

LC: [00:42:53](#) So I took the nets up and [inaudible] we put them on deck and we come back to the dock. I couldn't run it fast, but I run it slow. [inaudible] and he overhaul it and, he had said we're not going to go out, so the guy was doin it that evening. I didn't know I'm going in the morning [inaudible]. So I went that afternoon, and we had those 20 box of shrimp (?), and boy that did him all the good – he really talked nice. So that paid for that overhaul right there. That was good. That's, that's the way they was treating me - that's the best thing that could have happened for me. Yep. And his son, they all would treat me nice. Most crew that I worked for, their son, they'd do the same thing. Yep, that was the good part. Really nice. And at Christmas time, he'd give me a little bonus. That was a little better.

AJ: What do you think the younger people who don't live on the coast need to know about the history and heritage of coastal Georgia?

LC: [00:43:57](#) Well, they would, they need to come on the coast for a few days after this [inaudible] just a little vacation for maybe a week or three days or something like that and have someone take them around the shrimp dock, and they can show them, explain to them, you know, how to the boats do, and how to shrimpin would be, stuff like that. [inaudible] they don't know nothin about the coast and give them to some of us older shrimpers and can we can tell them, explain everything to them about the coast and how good it is to be on this coast, cause it's really nice until the hurricane season start. But before that it's good and you know let them know how, how everything goes, how, you know, you go down to the dock and [inaudible] explain it to them. This is where you get the best shrimp. The east coast shrimp is what people are mostly looking for, instead of the one that come out of the [inaudible].

LC: [00:45:18](#) And we, it's a lot of enjoyment on the seafood part on this coast and mostly all of the seafood is fresh. The fish, the shrimp, the crabs [inaudible] the fresh stuff. [inaudible] they call it crab cakes, and hey, it be good. Fried shrimp, then, like us, we know

the skewered shrimp (?). [inaudible] shrimp and grits - okay. It's good. That's why some of them need to come around and come on over and talk with us and we can explain things to them and show them around. Can't take them out, maybe shrimpin, but we can point it out. Certain spot we can get, we can [inaudible] can see Sapelo, be on the back side of Sapelo. That's where we do our shrimpin. And go down the beltway (?) and plane up the back end – there's different points. You can, it's a long ways out, but just to show them. It'd be nicer to put people back on – I call it out West (?) We asked some people come down from um, they was in Darien and they said they never seen a shrimp boat. So we was on the deck takin the shrimp off. We look at the shrimp, we said "that's a big shrimp." They want to know what it look like.

LC: [00:46:51](#) And so we showed them. And they was asking a few questions. Some of them get on the boat, they want to see what they look like inside. They never seen that, you know, they, I guess they seen it on TV maybe, but never was close to one. We showed them around and they [inaudible]. I just didn't believe they from Augusta, I guess they never been on this coast, and they not too far but two hours. But anyway, they wanted to know, so we had to explain it to them. So if more people come here [inaudible]. If I'm around, I'll explain it to em. I don't know if I'll have some shrimp to show em, but I can tell them all about it, so they'll know. Yep

AJ: [00:47:41](#) So what are your thoughts on the future of your fishing community and just the fishing industry as a whole?

What are my thought about it? Well that can be a hard one, because they way they goin now, I don't know if the shrimpin gonna last. The shrimp will be here but they keep closing everything down and there ain't gonna be nobody to shrimpin, because most of the guys gonna tie up the boat or sell them. Then they'll probably go... I don't know where they gonna take em. They gonna leave them tied to the dock

LC: [00:48:20](#) The shrimpin industry look like it fixin to get kinda [inaudible] because when we would go out in April, they say we go out in June. That's cause we'll start to knockin the shrimpers back a little bit (?) if they don't change it so, I'll probably, like me myself. Um, I don't know if I'll stay on shrimpin them after this season if they keep doing it. I would love to stay three or four years, but they keep doing that, I would just, call it quit. But now for the rest of the guys that have the boats [inaudible] it ain't gonna matter to them cause, they ain't gonna have - some of them can't get nobody to work with em. [inaudible] look like

they kinda, getting slow. Then when we go and catch the shrimp, the buyers, they don't want to pay us nothin for the shrimp

LC: [00:49:24](#) ..They cut the price. Don't want this type of shrimp. Last year, and the year before too, they didn't want the brownies. [inaudible] the shrimp season passed, there wasn't none, then the other season, there was a little bit – they didn't want em. So, that's gonna be a big problem. Then when they get the other shrimp – the white shrimp – they probably don't want that. They gonna want em, but they ain't gonna want to pay for em. They want to get em cheap - maybe a dollar or something a pound. The boat owners ain't gonna be able to make it because they can't buy the fuel and supplies for the boat. It's going to be kind of difficult for most shrimpers. And if I on the water, I'll be right mixed up with em. [inaudible] hope not. I would love to see things getting better, instead of gettin worser. Cause what most of the shrimpers do, like next month it be April – they, we call it the roe shrimp season. They want to go out startin then, you get a start, you know to, you kind of get up a little bit of money from the [inaudible] once they been in, they work on the boats. Some of them buy new nets and they paint the boat up and all of that for the Blessing. And that costs a few dollars for the paint, especially, and they have to pay to go up on the rail way (?) and stuff like that.

LC: [00:50:51](#) So they figure if they go out in April and if they can find some roe shrimp, that'll boost them up a little bit. They'd be looking forward for maybe it gonna be a good season. If they keep doing like wait until June, well, going to be kind of tough half of the year be gone. And If you don't find some shrimp in June and July, plus August is the worst month we have for shrimpin. Then everybody be crying

LC: [00:51:24](#) [inaudible] be crying – they ain't find no shrimp for us. (laughing) Oh boy. Anyway, I hope it'll get better. Instead of getting worse, I hope to get a little better. We can put up with it this year if they go to the June, but I think we could – which we don't have no choice, but anyway, I really looking for it to getting better after that. Maybe they'll see where they need to go back to, to the, you know, open, keep it closed, the beach stay closed from the three miles because most of the guys stay out. I know the one I'm with, he ain't going in there until they open the beach. So that's more better... if it be that, but I don't know. We're going to wait and see

AJ: [00:52:21](#) So, beyond changing any other regulations or anything, what else could happen that could help them revive or improve the industry?

LC: [00:52:33](#) Well, they could improve it [inaudible] if the beaches stay closed from um, now to June, well they gonna be the boats in Carolina be there, because they, they're season open in June and you won't have to have group to contend (?) with. It'll probably be a little better for us here. And if they see fit, I don't know, really, how they would do with any improvement besides...

LC: [00:53:14](#) They could close it earlier, like in the end of December. The closing probably wouldn't hurt because if you go into January, the shrimps will be smaller, but you can leave them. I don't know if they'll die or what they'll do but there'll be shrimp, I think, because most of them will get in the deep part of the river, and they stay. But, that might help the industry a little bit. And don't catch em too small. When you first, like, the white shrimp start - they going to be small for a minute, but then it grows [inaudible] like every week, they'll get a different size. That won't hurt anything, but just the closing the beaches maybe and at the end of the December month, that that could help the shrimpin industry pretty good. They won't - the guys won't go out and catch the little teenie ones. They do get real small in the, ya know, in the end of the season comin up? They get - the colder they get, the smaller they be. They come out of the river, the cold water [inaudible] then if you let them go. So I don't know where they go, but they go. And then maybe we'll have some better season on the, on the, ya know on the start of the next year - the next time. I believe, now that's what I think. Yea, I think. Think that'll work?

SC: [00:54:46](#) Let's hope so. (laughing)

LC: Yeah, I hope it would. Yep

AJ: So as you recall earlier, the title of this project is Fishing Traditions and Fishing Futures. So you've talked about your traditions, but can you tell me what do you think are the fishing futures in Georgia in general? Like..

LC: [00:55:13](#) Uh, say that again?

AJ: [00:55:14](#) What are the fishing futures in Georgia?

- LC: [00:55:18](#) Oh, the futures? Well, as I can see it. I look around, I'll tell you, it going to be pretty tough in Georgia, cuz we don't have no one to take our place. The guys that will have the boats, or on boats, they are, they problem gonna be, getting someone to work with them – getting them a striker. And most of the strikers, boats now and in the guys runnin on the boats, the strikers is, mens like me and Leon and some of the older guys – that's, they the only crew who wanna work, on the water. And, if they don't get a striker then [inaudible] going out by yourself. It ain't safe like that, because if you get, you go so, you go out and you shrimp by yourself, you put your nets in, you get tangled up in the rope, ain't nobody to get you out. Therefore (?), that could be a bad day for you. A person shouldn't, a captain shouldn't go out by they self on the water. Find someone to take with em.
- LC: [00:56:32](#) But, unless some of the younger, uh, guys, decide that they'll try shrimping and let someone teach em, you know, take em on the water. But in order to learn how to shrimp now, you need to have a striker on the boat who knows how to do on the back deck. Then teach the - some of the young ones, if they interested in doing it, but that's the hardest part for Georgia. You don't have nobody that wanna work, on the water. They don't even go look at a boat. But, maybe things will change. Some of them might want to do it. I mean I know, I know some, most of the blacks don't wanna do no shrimpin, and I don't see none of the young white boys doing it either. I don't know what going on with most of them, and then we just run our, um, Mexican out, so some of them could do shrimpin too, but [inaudible] come out
- LC: [00:57:39](#) But Georgia look like it gonna be going kind of, going down slow for shrimpin, cuz the guys can't get nobody to go to work with em, so they're going to be... you know, when the shrimps runnin and you tell the dock man (?), I ain't got nobody to go witchya [inaudible] hey, it's done. Then when you find somebody [inaudible] and the shrimps runnin, ya know, you may not be good (?) for a whole week, but sometimes it'd be last a week. Maybe a day or two days, and hey, maybe you find somebody. Now you gone, you'll just have to go(?) anyway, and try to scrap (?) ya some shrimp. So, it's gonna be pretty tough on down the line for Georgia. This part of Georgia – I would say McIntosh county anyway. I don't know how it'll be up around Savannah, because I don't know if any boats much up there work. It could be difficult, as I can see. Now someone else...
- LC: [00:58:30](#) ..the other shrimpers, they might see different. They might say "well there could be, could be shrimp." And there could be boats, but some of the guy's boats fiberglass, and the steel

boats [inaudible] they'll be, sittin to the dock, aint got nobody to go, [inaudible] you just sit and sit. Some of them are getting kinda [inaudible] you can pull on too much heavy stuff, but you already have the wrench and he put your lines on em, but you get them, uh, we call the tickler chain [inaudible] goes on the net [inaudible] some of them fellas have too big a chain. Them guys ain't gonna pull them up. That gonna, run – you know, if some of the young ones try to work, they gonna say that's too heavy for them. [inaudible] Boats gonna be tied to the dock. I would like to see them boys try to come out, and say "y'all teach me how to shrimp." It'd be a whole lot better.

LC: [00:59:35](#) Then you know you have someone to lean on because it may take a while before they come, can be a captain, but you can work with an older captain, but still take the boat out. And you might not work too hard. Go out and, we'll stay at night, or you'd come back the same day. And some of them, you know, most of the time you want save a little fuel because it's so hard(?). Stay for a day, or two days, then you come back in. That's more better. You have grocery for, you know, the crew. You already have the captain, the boat have everything on it so you don't have to remember the eating (?), cook you some fish if you feel like it. Shrimp. Cook you a little pork chop. All that stuff, you know. So I would love to see, you know, some of the younger guys. [inaudible] I want someone to teach me how to shrimp. And they go on, give some of them, who will take time to show them (?). And then..

LC: [01:00:34](#) I mean, you can start off headin the shrimp, but you may not be fast when you start, but you can - once you learn what to do then you can speed yourself up - get to where you can get it done. And they can show them how to ice em down, what to do. That'll help, if it would (?). That'll keep Georgia going. Georgia shrimpin lookin kinda doubtful (?). There's not too many boats left. There's a few of em. The most of the boats now right here in Darien. You go out in, we call it the country out there - there's a few boats - four or five in Velona(?) guys went down outta the other(?) section [inaudible] mostly steel boats. They gonna stay for a while, then when they come back, they have to hunt a crew(?). They stay too long. Then you go stay for 30 days. About twenty somethin days, when they get back to the dock, they ain't going back. They don't care how much money they make, they just don't – it's too long for them. Plus the guys are young, you know...

LC: [01:01:39](#) Most of the young fellows, they wanna be around somewhere during the weekends, talkin with some people [inaudible] get at, but I would love to see the other younger crew on shrimp

(?). Try to get into it, learn the job, and you know when the seasons close they can find something else to do till it's time to go back. That's what I used to do. It's a lot of – you gots to leave from here(?) to do some work, but it's still here. Work of, like Savannah. Places like that – things to do then you go back shrimpin. Then after a while you get to pay attention to what's going on, then somebody will give - want you to take a boat shrimpin for – then, hey, you go from there. That's what I say – now I don't know how the rest of them guys feel, but I look around [inaudible] be sittin there talkin every day, you know, they be on the water, something [inaudible]... we sit around and talk, but uh, just don't have that crew interested in..

LC: [01:02:42](#) Some of the guys, they parents, the shrimpers, they just don't want to do it. They'd rather do nothing at all. And that's showing a bad sign. I would hope for some of them to come [inaudible] teach me. We ain't had nobody to do it yet. Then maybe they'll get into it later. I hope.

SC: What can we do to attract them? How do we get more interest in the shrimping industry?

LC: I guess we'll have to probably ask a few - one of them or two of them - if they're interested in learning how to shrimp and then she what, see what they'll go with, then, I guess, if they'll probably – if you make enough money – you see, to learn, well some of the guys are pretty good [inaudible] learn it. Once you get on the boat, you don't know what you were showing me, you're trying to learn it and you want to do what you show them – OK (?), you gonna pull the nets back in - you're going to look, you know, so you got – we call it the lazy line(?) keep the line from [inaudible]. You know you wanted to trip up as they come off the spool (?). Maybe pay them - you can pay (?) a person to, you know, [inaudible] , but I won't say you can pay them a full salary. But until they get to catchin on a little good (?), you know, then you say we going to pay you more money.

LC: [01:04:19](#) maybe it might be interesting like that. [inaudible]. I don't know. It just, that's the only thing I know, they can try with some of em, because they only [inaudible]. They can't drink all that loader. Nobody's gonna drink all the water. Even if you up here (?) you can't drink all the water out of the tub. [inaudible] of let them out. I get on the boat(?) – you ain't getting overboard if you listen. There's no way you can go overboard – the boat have a high rail, and you ain't got no business going overboard. Don't sit on the rail. You sit on the hatch if you want to sit down or on the stool [inaudible]. Don't get up on rail high(?) and I've been on the water for many years, but I don't do no rail-sittin. I

sit on the hatch. I get my stool to put back [inaudible] on the back end, by the rail, but I'm not sittin up on that rail too much.

LC: [01:05:18](#) I don't do that because, if you sit [inaudible] if it hits you right and you're goin overboard and nobody see you – it's too late. But it's not, it's not – you gettin (?), falling off the boat, they just don't want to do nothing at all. because it's, it's easy work. It's nothing hard about it and they just, they just, sorry. That's the way I can put it, because I mean you can go ask some of them. Some of say “yeah, I'll go.” Then you go pick – go look for em that morning to go. and they won't even answer the door. I don't know what you really do to get the tikes(?) to go. It's just hard for them to get somebody to go. That's the biggest part - what Georgia gonna need - this part of Georgia. The shrimpin ya know, you have to, you going to need to get somebody to take over. If you don't, it goes down. And that gonna be – and once it goes down, it's gonna to be hard to come back up because the boat sit in the water, sit and then the barnacle gets on there – hey, what can we do with it?

LC: [01:06:30](#) Just tough, but if you get, like you said, you can entice the younger one to go and learn it, then they might get some of their other friends to go. Once they learn, there'll be, four or five of em. Then they get on different boat – then they can work. Work their way up to be a captain. That can be hard. That's the way I see it – it'll be hard for some of them, but I'll be glad to teach them. I can teach em - the boat can sit there at the dock and I can show them what to do. And when they go out it's just as easy, because you don't have to lift the nets. The boat can do all that - I mean you got the ropes on it. Everything [inaudible] lines and you got nothin to(?) pick up. It's not hard. I guess it's some of them probably think it's hard work. Ain't no hard work on the shrimp boat. You tear up a net - put the, put the rig on the deck – on the hook – you got one on there, you put another one on and it's not that hard. I guess they look at it while they sitting at home – stuff like that – they look up at it (?) .. ‘that's hard work’ ... ain't no hard work. It's easy work. Nothin hard about it, as I see, and I've been out there for quite a few years, but, getting those young boys is pretty difficult.

AJ: How long have you been working on the boat?

LC: Well, most of our lifetime, for some of us, around nineteen. I start shrimpin. I went to New York, came back - back on the boat, and it ain't never get old, till we(?), I think about 9-10rs ago, going back on the water. I've been back on the water now for three, four years.

- LC: [01:08:22](#) That's been my whole - that's my job I was doing. Shrimpin- I like it. It wasn't nothing hard. I was cooking, eatin what you want to eat. So that was good. Yep, it was a good thing. You go from one port to the other. Go to Fort Meyers, Key West, and we might, we probably go to Texas. We'll work over there then come back. [inaudible] Tortugas, we call it, then we come on home. Yep, but some, some of them think it's hard. It ain't hard. Well sometimes the weather get bad, but when it get bad we goes in - coming back into the dock. We'll be down in Tortugas - weather get bad, we'll have the anchor down. But most of the time now they'll got to the dock when the weather get bad. They don't wanna, you know, tear their nets up. When it get rough and then you trying to drag, and you try to drag them into, you know your nets, and then those seas catch the boat and pull em back on the boat, go off the net and they might tear up something. Most of the fellas now, they go in, they don't work in no rough weather no more. Which I don't blame em. Come to the dock - when the weather get good we go back. Especially right here at home.
- LC: [01:09:45](#) [inaudible] weather comin - the one I'm working with now? He ain't goin. And I don't blame him. We stay to the dock. The weather get good, we'll get the weather report and we'll go out. [inaudible] shrimpers - hey, we gonna work some now. We'd be ready. Me and Leon, we - just two of us waiting, and hey, he seem like he appreciate us workin with him. He don't have to wait. When he say we gonna go 4:00 or 3:30, I'll be to the boat. Me and Leon do (?) [inaudible] If he ready we ready. He don't have to wait on us. Everything he wanna do when we go, we ready. And we tell him "OK, what you wanna do?.. You wanna drag again? We'll drag. Wanna go home? Come on (?)" We went [inaudible] come on to the house. But it's good. But now getting those young guys - I don't know. I don't see how none of em wanna do nothin myself (?). I think - I'll watch em - I ride down the street and I look at em - 25 of em - a bunch of em - no work.
- LC: [01:11:02](#) I just [inaudible] it's just different times. I don't know how the crew doin in Brunswick, cuz I don't go to Brunswick. I don't go around the shrimp docks. I just [inaudible] bills what I have to pay, come back out, but I don't go to the dock. I used to go to Saint Simons when I was captain. That's how I get my first shot(?) at shrimp. I go to the pier, then I see the boats goin - we call it to make the low water. So I looked and then I see them going. If somebody might be out there draggin and I said, oh, they catchin some shrimp. Then I go back and I get the boat in Brunswick and put ice on it and get my crew - goin off of Brunswick. We'll stay 3 or 4 days, catch us some shrimp too, and

come back. That's how I used to trick em (?). [inaudible] to the dock, I'll go on out. Straight on, goin offshore, then I'd go straight to Brunswick. Then we start draggin. Stay three miles off and hey, find the shrimp and come on back. That's it. For the striker crew no - oh boy. There ain't too many older mens to go fishin now. I think that about out. One or two of the fellows here in Darien - they'll shrimp a little bit [inaudible] some of them. They age of almost 60 somethin and all of that. Ain't too many down under 50 shrimpin. Nope - of either color - white nor black. Yep

LC: [01:12:42](#) but now the tikes(?) and some of these guys that go - I don't know. I think he'd get somebody to come out of New York and they might be more interested in the run here. Cuz they want to see what it's about anyway. Once they get on the boat and they can, you know, if it's not rough and show them around. Some of them - they'll like it. But these fellas - most of these people some of (?) the city they work and they ain't got no choice. They had to work in order to pay rent, in order to eat. But these here, they eatin free, I believe. Most of em. The little short guy [inaudible] - he got some boys, but I don't think they - they know that I'm (?) shrimpin. My boys didn't know(?) - They won't go on the water. So I don't worry about em.

LC: [01:13:34](#) I'll be the only one I guess left out of my family [inaudible]. And Skipper, he don't have no boys. There's a few fellas know how to shrimp, but they won't go. They quit. They work - they call it "hill work" - they're workin up there. There ain't too many of them, but two or three of them. But now to get like back to what you were saying, trying to get the young tikes, some of the younger fellas to go, it gonna be difficult. They ain't got that on their mind. They got one thing on their mind and that's what they after. I don't think we'd be able to get none of them, but I hope it'll change. Maybe. We'll wait and see. Yep.

SC: If you could do it all over again, would you change anything? Or are you happy with the way your fishing career went?

LC: Well I would - I would do it all over. Yeah, if I had to do, but I would be - I would rather be on a different type of boat.

LC: [01:14:43](#) I want to. I wouldn't mind being on - what do you call it - a steel hull boat. but I wouldn't mind. That's just like now. I don't - I mean I like shrimpin now, you know. Go out and put the nets in the water and then you drive around and find you some shrimp, you know. I like it good enough. I would try it again if I could, if I was definitely to do it again, I would. Go to the Tortugas. Leave Tortugas in July and go to Texas. And you know, on September

you come back - that'd be good. I enjoyed it when I was there. [inaudible] I was making money plus having a good time – havin a lot of fun, because once you come back to the dock, you offload the shrimp, you're not going to go back out the same day on the boat when you're over there. You were taking - probably be to the dock(?) ten days - seven, eight, nine days, maybe ten, then you go back, if the weather don't be bad...

LC: [01:15:43](#) But you know, if you're drinking you don't have to [inaudible] you'll be just having a good time. You and the boys, you will get together and talk about shrimpin and all kinds of different, you know, different stuff - it's something we normally would do. It was a lot of fun for me. Laughing, talking. How somebody fall, somebody did this(?), it's all in it, and you know, we'd be joking with each other – teasin. It's good. I really enjoyed it – good fun. Making a living. A lot of fun – that's it. I would love to do it again. If I could have. If I could do it again, that's one job I'll take - shrimpin. I know once the weather get bad, we gonna go to the dock, we gonna get us a beer, stand and talk and all just have a lot of fun. [inaudible] when I was in Fort Myers, I would just talking, jokin with my boss man, Mike Hagan(?) and his brother Sam, and his daddy was running the fish house [inaudible] because Daniel (?) was from down here. It was just a lot of fun. Sittin around talkin. We might barbecue. There was just a whole - everything there was to do, that's what we would do. [inaudible] we didn't mess with no drugs and all of that. Boy I'll tell ya we had us a good time.

LC: [01:17:27](#) I could talk about it for many days That's right - I seen it (?). [inaudible] It was good. I liked it. Yep.

AJ: Well, do you have anything else to say for the interview – any parting words?

LC: Well, I appreciate talking with you all. And hey, if you need me again, I'll be more than welcome and happy to do it again. Yep – to let the people know how it is. I would say we need to get some of the people from the west out there and – we call it the high country – bring em down and show them around. Especially when we start shrimpin – we gotta let em see what a shrimp look like. Some of them - the only time they see it is on the plate. We can hold them up and show them different size. How we just do – how we ice em. Show some of the guys how we do on the boat, just sittin to the dock. But they don't know what to think saying [inaudible]..the nets but they don't know what it is. They ask us, “what is that?” That's the nets that we catch the shrimp with. [inaudible] I can tell them. Show them a little bit of stuff, you know. Maybe they might get interested in

it. It might bring us a striker, I would say. But it'd be nice. I enjoyed talking with them.

LC: [01:19:06](#) Yes sir-ee - it's good. Anything else you need to know? Hey, give it to me. I can talk about shrimpin for a long time. I've been out there – I know. Yes sir-ee. See just how it does (?). Deep water, shallow water. I did it all. Been the captain, been the striker, been the captain, been the striker, so I know how to do it. Yep. One thing about on the boat is keeping it clean – that's the good part. A nice, clean boat looks good. You could walk on the deck they got all that rust, all that stuff on it, something – they gonna get rust, but you clean it up. It look good once it clean. All cleaned up and all of that – it's good. Yep. The boss man, he like to see that to: “hmm sure is lookin good.”

LC: [01:20:08](#) You keep the [inaudible], you'll keep it clean. Even though I got a little edge (?) on it. When we got the scrub brush with a long handle, I can handle that more better than bending over (?) and we put some stuff on it – keep it clean. That what we gonna do (?) I don't let me see no dirty boat. I want it to stay nice and clean. That's what I do. [inaudible] it pays off. [inaudible] downtown here, at the city dock, I think, yep, and [inaudible] we come into the dock, we want, you know, people comin – tourists - I really want to see the boat clean, and that's why we – we do it if we wasn't here, but we keep it more because we down there. People come – tourists around (?) - they can – “sure nice and clean, y'all work on this?” Yeah. They don't understand how we keep it so clean and work on it. That's the best way to do it. Dealing with the seafood, so hey, that's it. Do it (?) Yep.

AJ: Thank you so much for your time.

LC: Quite welcome.

AJ: I really enjoyed this.

LC: Okay.