

AUDIO TAPE INDEX FORM

Interviewee: Shawn Wendt

Interviewer: Dick Ristow

Interview Date: April 3, 2006

Summary description of tape contents:

Shawn Wendt was born and raised at Wendt's on the Lake. His grandfather, also a sturgeon spearer, started the restaurant. They also run a shanty rental business that his grandfather started. Shawn is active in the sturgeon spearing community and has been treasurer of the Southwest Chapter of Sturgeon for Tomorrow for about 13 years. He recounts stories of his first catch at age 15 and a comical story about some shanty renters. He mentions some women who have been successful spearers, recounts celebrities who have come out over the years, and tells how he chooses a spearing spot. Shawn also talks about sturgeon preparation and cooking.

Brief Tape Index

Time	Topic
00:25	Family Background.
01:21	How Shawn got into Sturgeon spearing.
04:55	Story of his first catch.
06:06	Old metal tags used for tagging the fish.
06:22	Shanty rental business story.
09:05	Coaxers and chumming.
10:41	How their shanty business works.
13:14	Vehicles falling through the ice. Bridges over cracks.
14:30	Hook and line fishing. Excitement of sturgeon spearing.
16:00	Favorite spearing spots and how to choose a good location.
17:39	'Lady Luck' - women spearers.
19:11	Sturgeon meal preparation.
21:01	Celebrities who visited Wendt's on the Lake.
22:54	Club Memberships. Treasurer of Sturgeon for Tomorrow chapter.
23:34	Passing on tradition to children.
25:21	End of interview.