

AUDIO TAPE INDEX FORM

Interviewee: Ken Corbett

Interviewer: Ron Bruch and Kathleen Schmitt Kline

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Summary description of tape contents:

Ken Corbett tells stories of his time as a warden in an interview conducted by Ronald M. Bruch and Kathleen Schmitt Kline. He talks about dragging for set lines, how they caught poachers, crooked politicians, close calls, flying his plane, other wardens, undercover workers, and other experiences from his time spent as a warden.

Brief Tape Index

Time	Topic
00:04	The man Ken trained under went blind. Introductions.
01:13	First warden and previous wardens.
05:09	The most crooked warden.
07:42	Issued motorcycles to wardens. Ordis Kenneth (O.K.) Johnson was a good warden. sink the boat with snag lines.
10:00	Land more expensive because of sturgeon location. Shotgun blast warning while dragging for set lines.
15:24	Pulling his work vehicle out with a tractor. Catching the doctor poaching.
20:00	Discussion of who else is interviewed for the project.
21:02	Van Strattens. O.K. Johnson and his wife processing caviar.
25:06	False seasons. Charlotte Brown identifying species through blood samples for court.
27:53	Sturgeon trial of board member.
32:39	Set line versus snag line use.
37:44	Catching the last commercial snagger.
41:39	Big John, an employee, accidentally shot himself.
46:15	Set line bait. People selling set line caught fish out of a tavern.
50:30	Silence.
51:12	Failure of the court systems to hold cheese and paper industries accountable for waste.
53:07	Set lines. Late running of male sturgeon.
57:36	Stories about driving their own cars for work.
1:04:54	Confiscated goods, party system, and deer poaching.
1:09:37	Night flying with flares.
1:10:36	Ken's interactions with people he searched.
1:12:27	Catching poachers by finding their equipment and setting up at night.
1:23:42	Catching people using undercover buyers.

1:33:15	3 brothers poaching.
1:39:37	Same crowd for bootlegging, poaching, and caviar markets.
1:41:39	Used to be fewer spawning areas. Searching on the Strick farm for poachers.
1:47:53	Good spawning areas.
1:50:34	People pretended to spear suckers to get away with poaching sturgeon.
1:52:06	Stretching barbed wire across the river. Wife worries. Helping other law agencies.
1:54:48	Shot at while practice flying over a rock festival.
2:01:00	Undercover man in the wrong prison cell.
2:07:36	Putting children of politicians away.
2:09:21	Introduction (this is the second interview with Ken). Getting sued.
2:14:12	Barriers to cooperation between wardens and others.
2:23:42	Working with politicians.
2:32:00	Black light powder and crime kit with the Shepard boys.
2:41:51	Friend interrupts: friend's career, friend's camp in Ontario, politics, trading in Minneapolis.
2:54:00	Shining sturgeon.
2:57:43	Continue the crime kit story. Chasing people with plane.
3:00:00	End of interview.