

AUDIO TAPE INDEX FORM

Interviewee: Dan Groeschel

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Summary description of tape contents:

In an interview conducted by Ronald M. Bruch and Kathleen Schmitt Kline, Dan Groeschel explains his family history how he got started spearing. He describes the first time he speared a sturgeon, and how he accidentally pushed his brother into a hole. He also talks about how Sturgeons for Tomorrow got started, and where he sees the club going in the future.

Brief Tape Index

Time	Topic
00:00	Introductions. Family spearing history.
01:40	Groeschel speared his first sturgeon at age nine. His kids and grandkids spear, too.
04:11	Winters used to be colder, and the snow used to be deeper.
05:15	Equipment changes. He used to rent fish shanties to other people and cut their holes.
07:36	Knowing where to set up your shanty. His friend speared 5 sturgeon in one day.
10:34	The most he has seen and speared in one day. Light from a hole in his roof scared fish away.
12:09	Losing the fish of a lifetime.
16:02	Stories: Driving through a crack with the truck. Knocking his brother in a hole.
21:26	Moving shanties around to find clear water.
24:42	Cleaning and cooking sturgeon.
28:39	Fishing on the upper lakes last year.
30:19	Sturgeon for tomorrow: how they got started, about the meetings, their purpose.
39:45	Sturgeon guarding program.
41:08	Fish were smaller in the past. He thinks fish are more vulnerable now.
43:47	Development of Sturgeon for tomorrow over the years. Financial support.
50:33	Where Dan sees Sturgeon for Tomorrow going.
52:31	Sturgeon for Tomorrow effort has been great. Can't blame DNR for less fish.
54:12	It used to be a way of survival: sturgeon fishing as an economic relief package.
56:46	An unlicensed tavern. Selling minnows.
58:09	Road plowing. Taverns formed to serve ice fishermen.
1:00:44	When Dan started, there was little activity on South side of lake.
1:03:00	There were big fish in the 50s. Forecasts for the future of the populations.
1:05:40	We don't want to lose the population we have. Likes half days for fishing.
1:06:30	End of interview.

