

AUDIO TAPE INDEX FORM

Interviewee: Reuben Hoelzel

Interviewer: Eugene Herubin

Interview Date: December 29, 2006

Summary description of tape contents:

Eugene Herubin interviews Reuben Hoelzel about his history with sturgeon spearing. Having been born in 1916, Hoelzel remembers when sturgeon spearing was an economic necessity and meals with sturgeon were like feasts. He discusses passing on the tradition to his children, how to clean and cook sturgeon, and decoy painting.

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Brief Tape Index

Time	Topic
00:00	Introductions. Hoelzel born 1916, and his personal background.
06:06	Food preparation. Fishing for food rather than sport.
08:33	Cutting ice holes.
11:08	When he started spearing. Hauling shanties to lake.
12:57	Cutting ice holes. Able to buy multiple tags in the past. First time spearing.
16:48	Making decoys.
19:41	Typical and record catches
21:24	Cooking and preparing sturgeon. In his childhood, sturgeon was a feast.
28:40	Taught his children to spear. His son Wayne Hoelzel spears. Fishing during retirement.
32:25	Painting decoys.
36:36	Stuck in ice ridges.
40:07	Horse and buggy mishaps.
45:09	Recap of interview points.
47:28	End of interview.