

AUDIO TAPE INDEX FORM

Interviewee: Mary Lou Schneider

Interviewer: Pat Braasch

Interview Date: April 9, 2007

Summary description of tape contents:

Mary Lou Schneider is interviewed by Pat Braasch about how sturgeon spearing has impacted her life. Mary Lou discusses the process for creating decoys, from acquisition of materials to finishing touches. She also discusses large fish she has seen over the years, her own spearing track record, and the people she spends the most time with during spearing season.

Brief Tape Index

Time	Topic
00:00	Introductions.
00:30	Mary Lou's life history.
01:20	How she started spearing and her first time.
02:00	Shanty stories and how to set one up.
03:18	The first sturgeon she speared.
05:06	Historical restrictions for fishing age.
05:35	Women don't spear as often as men.
06:20	Fish cleaning, cooking, and storage.
08:06	How she got started decoy carving.
09:03	First decoy she made got her a 107-pound sturgeon.
10:25	She has caught 25-30 sturgeon over her lifetime.
11:16	Why she started spearing.
11:40	Corn cob decoys and curiosity of sturgeon.
13:04	Selling decoys.
13:44	Process and time commitment of making a decoy.
14:30	Wood for decoys.
15:10	Process of making a decoy.
16:04	Lead for decoys.
17:08	Size restrictions for decoys, and one she made from a fence post.
18:38	Invited to talk about her decoys in Madison and in Washington D.C.
19:14	Current fishing practices and her shanty.
20:48	Women she spears with. Her kids and family.
22:15	Large fish.
22:53	How to make caviar.
23:20	Different shanty types and sizes
24:37	Decoys.

25:10	End of interview.
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