

Interviewee: It's become 40, 50, 60 pounds.

Female Speaker: Mm.

Interviewer: Mm.

Interviewee: Oh! We don't catch crabs, we used to catch.

Interviewer: Oh! Yeah.

Interviewee: So, maybe, running fishing around, some reason, the crabs are...

Female Speaker: Yeah. So, yeah these are the kinds of things we wanna hear about --

Interviewer: These are the kind of that tomorrow we wanted to get, you know, talk about and that's part of the, so the connections between those things and of course have you know --

Female Speaker: Yeah.

Interviewer: The little group that can kind of share the experiences and --

Female Speaker: Yeah.

Interviewer: Yeah. So, if you can make it tomorrow that would be great --

Female Speaker: Yeah.

Interviewer: And we appreciate it.

Female Speaker: And I'm the regulation side too and we wanna hear about some of the unintended consequences and the regulations and what else, connections does?

Interviewee: Well, well, I'm trying to tell you the consequences and we are tried to tell when you first bought it up with this system that they got the allocation system for red snapper.

Female Speaker: Mm-mm.

Interviewee: It's a rarest thing in the world to me, but we try to tell them, it's not gonna work like you say.

Female Speaker: Mm-mm.

Interviewee: And they say, well yeah it's gonna stabilize the fishery, what they did, it stabilize the fishery.

Female Speaker: Mm-mm.

Interviewee: But it didn't stabilize the allocation.

Female Speaker: Mm-mm.

Interviewee: And it didn't because, they were using a business model that didn't apply.

Female Speaker: Mm-mm.

Interviewee: Like usually they do not model with, well the price of fishes is this. So, therefore you can't charge more than 50% of what the product brings otherwise there is no profit in it.

Female Speaker: Mm-mm.

Interviewee: It shouldn't have all those, some of these people find out how to make a profit, because, they say the price of snappers at the dock is, well you just say for five and a quarter.

Female Speaker: Yeah.

Interviewee: We're getting four dollars from the evacuation.

Female Speaker: Yeah.

Interviewee: So, we're trading a dollar to owners of the boat.

Female Speaker: Yeah.

Interviewee: Actually we leave all the fish for that, but they will because, [0:02:00] if they don't, how will they get the evacuation they got to throw that dollar and a quarter away every time they are catching fish.

Female Speaker: Yeah.

Interviewer: Oh! right.

Interviewee: So, therefore and –

Interviewer: And plus, they needed it for the by-catching, I mean, if they, if they catch the fish, if they don't have permit and they are catching the snapper--

Interviewee: And so, they have, they would file a report.

Female Speaker: Yeah.

Interviewer: Yeah.

Interviewee: But the return to the boat, there will be a whole, after expenses it will be whole lot more.

Female Speaker: Yeah.

Interviewer: Right-right.

Interviewee: But we've got people, when shown an island, and all fish together rather in case, we've got people that calls us July 26, I mean, the December 26, so, how much you're gonna have for next time, we don't know yet, but we just looking to have so many pounds, Oh! God, I need your 100 thousand pound I'll pay a four and a quarter for.

Female Speaker: Wow

Interviewee: Like just, they got to have.

Female Speaker: Yeah.

Interviewee: It's a drug.

Interviewer: Wow.

Interviewee: It is.

Interviewee: Once they start using them. People that, who got a little business sense, they know how make money out of them, we got one restaurant about a business of 100 thousand pound a year and we take more of them, we got other people we got to have.

Female Speaker: Wow.

Interviewee: It's just you know what, I can take a 100 thousand pound of snappers which costs me 400 thousand dollars and he says I'll make 1.2 million out of them, make that--

Interviewer: Wow, How would you do that?

Female Speaker: Yeah.

Interviewee: Because, he got a restaurant.

Interviewer: So he's a dealer so he fishes on, and then he's a dealer so then he's also able to put them into his restaurant?

Interviewee: And put them into his restaurant, yeah.

Interviewer: Oh!

Female Speaker: Mm.

Interviewee: He says the fish comes into my restaurant; it costs me \$14 a pound.

Female Speaker: Mm.

Interviewee: And he say, one shot of them, I get 29.95 for which, there goes everything.

Female Speaker: Mm-mm.

Interviewee: It's just one making a ten dollars a pound every nine pound at least.

Interviewer: Mm.

Female Speaker: Oh!

Interviewer: Yeah well. What are, what other regulations do you remember that really had like a big impact on, on things over the years, so are there any other that comes out of it?

Interviewee: And the pick and pack in the local area here is, when there's these king fisher that raises up, the time from you can catch them, the way you set up here, that's the reason, when its open, fish were already gone.

Female Speaker: Mm.

Interviewer: Mm.

Interviewee: But, they did that because of the so much travel for the east coast came around a long way to New Orleans to fish.

Female Speaker: Mm.

Interviewer: And --

Female Speaker: So, the season is not aligning with the migrations is that what do you mean?

Interviewee: No they're not--

Female Speaker: No?

Interviewee: They are not.

Female Speaker: Yeah Oh!

Interviewee: Well, just like on east coast, other *[Indiscernible]* [0:04:53] are and I'll tell you that, they're now right, right now there and we'll take it and the season opens and closes, way out of site --

Female Speaker: Mm-mm.

Interviewee: With the fisheries, it's in the fisheries, when it goes to fisheries, just when they're fishing, it's too good.

Female Speaker: Mm.

Interviewer: Mm. For the King Mackerel, yeah.

Female Speaker: Yeah I've heard that--

Interviewer: Okay.

Female Speaker: Little bit from the fisherman down there they can't meet the code, but it's not because of the fishes yeah.

Interviewer: And they also see, were the season set up that way on purpose or --

Female Speaker: They can't get out [Crosstalk] [0:05:18]

Interviewer:: Were they deliberately set up to shut the fishery down when the fisher is more plentiful or?

Female Speaker: I'm not sure, I'm not familiar with the regulation setting but I know that they are for short window animals.

Interviewee: Don't feel bad rather, pick from the council, they don't know what their rules and regulations are. Every meeting we go to, we have to get up there and say, you know, we've already developed the fish. Then, they get a new member, they don't make them up to this field, they don't really know, what's being going on, they don't know and they'll bring it up stuff we gonna need to try this, we only tried that [0:06:00] 10 years ago, it don't work and they keep pushing it, pushing it, pushing it.

Interviewer: How did, else the regulation started becoming more and more, you know, I mean the -- when you first start there were no regulations right, and then as these regulations are introduced how did that affect through your business like in terms of how did you deal with it as a business person?

Interviewee: Well, do you think it worth it by this time limit, and actually apparently we're working, like, I think a one million, I've managed to prosper in spite of the regulation, not because of them, if otherwise you should, you have to face, you have change method of fishing sometime, how to, how to explain it, you're gonna have a regulation, set that up to the most of fishing move, make it to most of fishing, way of fishing, you can make the quarter and let him go to some miles, let his meet his code and go to some miles. But, we put these artificial times and all official size limits, the best thing, when we deal with red snappers and they throw away that damn 15, 16 inch tide or 13 inch, then they threw away out, we get up to 16 or 18 inches and, I want to know, you need to have, you gonna have regulation on snapper and you wanna make illegal catch one over 25 pounds.

Female Speaker: Mm.

Interviewer: Mm.

Interviewee: Because, it's actually small and stuff, good.

Female Speaker: Yeah.

Interviewer: Okay.

Interviewee: That's what you want to save.

Female Speaker: Yeah.

Interviewer: Mm. Now did you, I mean how, how did you keep up with all, because there are so many different regulations, I mean, what did you do to keep up with?

Interviewee: They bring out that little book of regulation every year, you can buy one and get on that or ask for them.

Interviewer: Okay.

Interviewee: But they also tell you there, these regulations, they are gonna apply [0:08:00]

Interviewer: So, you got to get the book every year and go through it and see--

Interviewee: Yeah, you need to get through, and they will, all the times they change and they put it in changes in.

Interviewer: Mm.

Female Speaker: As a table with these [*Indiscernible*] [00:08:16] regulation is like.

Interviewee: It does research, it's helpful, I know that, I just sold a boat.

Interviewer: Well --

Interviewee: I mean, I don't say all right, you can make more money being in a fishery and I had owned a boat then, and there was owning the boat and I sailed with.

Interviewer: Correct.

Interviewee: That's what it is. Like, I borrowed like more money than I having a boat.

Interviewer: But you actually -- you've all invested in those -- I mean, it wasn't like you got it because of history--

Interviewee: I decided to have a boat.

Interviewer: You decided it was a good investment like if it was shark or something like that?

Interviewee: I had my house to buy and [Crosstalk] [00:08:59] [0:08:59]

Interviewer: Did you really, wow.

Female Speaker: Wow.

Interviewer: So, that was a -- yeah, really a wise investment based on you and you anticipated.

Interviewee: And it was my wife's affection.

Interviewer: What does she think now?

Female Speaker: Yeah.

Interviewee: Well she died.

Female Speaker: Oh! I'm sorry.

Interviewer: Oh! I'm sorry about that.

Interviewee: By this, must have lot of contract, and probably with my [*Indiscernible*][00:09:22]

Interviewer: If she was alive now, right.

Female Speaker: Well thank you for your time

Interviewer: Well the -- so, we can use the recording, if you don't mind on the -- if you would sign a -- we have a little waver here it just says that you're okay with us, you know, using this on our voices from the fishery. So, we'll put that up and people will be able to --