Interview 5 Transcription

So we'd like to learn

(00:10.1 - 00:12.5)

about your experiences commercial fishing.

(00:12.7 - 00:15.4)

The goal is to improve marine safety in Norton

(00:15.5 - 00:19.6)

Sound, specifically for commercial fishing, and we'd hope to

(00:19.6 - 00:22.2)

use your stories and knowledge that you share with

(00:22.2 - 00:25.1)

the community here and with other fishing communities.

(00:25.3 - 00:26.2)

And it can also be

(00:26.2 - 00:28.7)

for improving marine safety training.

(00:31.1 - 00:33.8)

So to start off, can you tell me the areas you

(00:33.8 - 00:37.3)

have fished and the types of commercial fishing you do?

(00:37.9 - 00:43.3)

Just fishing this Unalakleet sub region that they have us in.

(00:46.5 - 00:49.7)

And I do, well, they're not doing any commercial king fishing, so

(00:49.7 - 00:56.7)

I do commercial chum fishing, coho and pink.

(01:02.5 - 01:05.1)

That’s all the fishing you do?

It's all fishing that we do here.

(01:05.2 - 01:06.2)

Commercial fishing anyway.

(01:06.3 - 01:09.7)

That's set netting, right? Yeah. Set net.

(01:12.0 - 01:14.1)

And then why do you fish here?

(01:14.5 - 01:16.8)

Because it's home base. [laughs]

(01:21.5 - 01:23.7)

Did you grow up here, then? Okay.

(01:23.8 - 01:25.5)

Are you from here?

Yeah.

(01:30.6 - 01:32.6)

Can you describe your boat that you fish off of?

(01:33.7 - 01:44.6)

I have a 26 foot Yukon \_\_\_boat, with a 175 motor on it.

(01:47.6 - 01:51.2)

What about when you first started fishing?

(01:51.3 - 01:54.1)

When I first started fishing, I had a

(01:55.0 - 01:58.9)

20-foot boat with 70 horse motor.

(02:01.2 - 02:03.3)

I can't even remember how many years ago

(02:03.3 - 02:14.5)

that was [laughs].

How old were you when you started fishing?

When I started fishing? Man.

(02:15.3 - 02:17.7)

Over 20 years ago.

(02:19.4 - 02:23.7)

So probably, I'm guessing about maybe I was 45 then.

(02:26.8 - 02:27.6)

Okay.

(02:27.8 - 02:30.1)

That's unique because people I talked to

(02:30.3 - 02:33.3)

started when they were young, like 11 or something.

(02:33.4 - 02:36.1)

Yeah, it probably was earlier than

(02:36.1 - 02:38.8)

that, but it's close enough. [laughs]

(02:43.9 - 02:45.7)

What got you into fishing?

(02:46.5 - 02:52.0)

I grew up fishing, subsistence fishing, and I

(02:52.1 - 02:54.8)

when I started commercial, I bought a

(02:54.8 - 02:57.4)

permit from one of the local fishermen.

(02:58.5 - 03:01.2)

So whole ice being fishy. [laughs]

(03:05.3 - 03:10.3)

When you first started, did you fish with anybody else?

(03:10.5 - 03:12.8)

No, I fished by myself.

Okay.

(03:12.9 - 03:15.1)

So were you solo?

Yeah.

(03:18.6 - 03:21.6)

Can you describe the steps involved

(03:21.6 - 03:23.3)

in a typical day fishing?

(03:23.5 - 03:27.5)

For someone who doesn't know what set netting is all

(03:27.5 - 03:32.1)

about. Starting from the beginning of the day, until…

I have to

(03:32.1 - 03:35.6)

get up, get the nets, put them in the boat.

(03:35.7 - 03:40.0)

Nets and anchors and buoys, put them in the boat, go out in the ocean, set them.

(03:40.1 - 04:03.8)

Then fishing started then.

And then what about when you’re out on the water?

If the fish are hitting, I’d stay with the net.

(04:05.2 - 04:06.4)

If it’s kind of slow

(04:06.5 - 04:10.8)

I just come back home, wait a

(04:10.8 - 04:12.8)

few hours and run back out.

(04:20.5 - 04:23.5)

Can you describe what boat life is like?

What's that?

(04:23.6 - 04:26.5)

Can you describe what your life is like, like boat life, being out on the water?

(04:26.6 - 04:33.6)

Being out on some rough water, calm water,

(04:40.2 - 04:45.9)

it all depends on what nature throws at us.

If it helps, think of, can you think of sounds or

(04:50.0 - 04:53.3)

smells or sensations while you're out fishing?

(04:54.5 - 05:01.2)

Only the waves and the wave sound. I don’t know about smell,

you smell that ocean air. [laughs]

 (05:10.4 - 05:14.6)

Do friends and family ever fish with you?

Later on

(05:14.6 - 05:17.6)

after my boys got older, then I

(05:17.7 - 05:20.4)

got them to help me fish.

Yeah.

(05:20.9 - 05:24.9)

How many kids?

I went through how many of

(05:24.9 - 05:27.3)

them now that they're pretty much on their own,

(05:27.3 - 05:35.0)

so 1, 2, 3, 3 boys help me out of four? [laughs]

Can you tell me what it was like fishing with your sons?

(05:58.2 - 06:01.1)

It was a lot easier having the

(06:01.1 - 06:04.5)

help on hand than by myself.

(06:09.7 - 06:11.1)

Did they enjoy it?

(06:11.5 - 06:14.4)

Yeah, as long as it wasn't rough. [laughs]

(06:23.7 - 06:27.4)

So if it was rough, then…

Kind of hard.

You tried to bring them back to land?

No, I just tried to take the

(06:32.3 - 06:35.9)

fish off and work, check the net.

(06:43.9 - 06:45.7)

Did anyone teach you how to fish?

(06:49.7 - 06:54.7)

The first time I went out fishing was [with] an elderly man.

(06:55.7 - 07:02.5)

That was when I was about maybe seven, so I tried to help him in the boat.

(07:02.5 - 07:04.9)

But I get seasick because back then they

(07:05.0 - 07:09.4)

had some big flounders and big, we call

(07:09.4 - 07:11.8)

them kaoka books, but they're devil fish.

(07:12.6 - 07:15.2)

Those stunk pretty bad when they got in the boat.

(07:18.5 - 07:21.5)

Used to get seasick out in the ocean.

(07:23.6 - 07:25.6)

But that was my first experience out there with fishing.

(07:25.8 - 07:31.7)

I did all my other fishing in the river.

(07:32.5 - 07:33.6)

When you were young?

(07:33.7 - 07:36.1)

Yeah, subsistence.

(07:38.7 - 07:41.5)

Was he like a mentor to you in teaching you?

(07:43.9 - 07:46.3)

Yeah.

I helped him out the ocean and then

(07:46.8 - 07:50.9)

we'd go upriver and go do subsistence fishing

(07:53.9 - 07:58.6)

all year long was fishing, all summer long, anyway.

(08:00.8 - 08:04.3)

Do you remember any lessons that he taught you,

(08:04.4 - 08:09.2)

especially about safety or being safe on the water?

(08:10.7 - 08:14.8)

Not really, gotta work together.

(08:20.4 - 08:22.1)

We are always cautious. Out there. [laughs]

(08:24.8 - 08:27.2)

That was with him.

Yeah.

(08:32.1 - 08:34.6)

And then have you tried to give certain

(08:34.7 - 08:37.2)

lessons to your sons when you were teaching them?

(08:37.4 - 08:39.6)

Yeah, I told them about the same thing.

(08:39.7 - 08:43.7)

And they're out there and on-hand learning.

(08:43.8 - 08:48.3)

So they learn this like everybody else,

(08:48.4 - 08:50.6)

pretty much watching and doing it.

(08:56.4 - 09:00.0)

And then any specific safety lessons for them?

(09:01.4 - 09:03.3)

Just watch out for those.

(09:07.8 - 09:11.5)

We get too rough; we can't even go out there.

Yeah.

(09:19.1 - 09:21.5)

How do you know when it's too rough to go?

(09:22.0 - 09:29.5)

When the waves are about 4ft [laughs] and the wind is blowing.

(09:36.1 - 09:38.8)

Can you tell me about a specific opener

(09:38.9 - 09:41.1)

that sticks out or stands out in your

(09:41.1 - 09:44.0)

mind that you remember really well?

(09:45.5 - 09:49.0)

Where I got an opener we had an opener long time

(09:49.0 - 09:54.9)

ago and I was fishing towards Foot Hills and I

(09:54.9 - 09:58.4)

couldn't check my net for a day because the ocean,

(09:59.0 - 10:01.9)

nobody was checking nets, it was too rough.

(10:03.5 - 10:06.1)

The day I can go check my net

(10:06.2 - 10:08.3)

and it was plum full of fish

(10:08.4 - 10:13.2)

and some were bad, some were good.

Yeah.

So, yeah.

(10:16.6 - 10:21.2)

Can you describe the weather, how it progressed, when you

(10:21.2 - 10:23.6)

set it versus when you went and picked it up?

(10:23.7 - 10:27.3)

Yeah, when you set it was calm water.

(10:29.1 - 10:34.0)

Then next day couldn't even go to the ocean.

(10:35.1 - 10:38.8)

Second day went out and it was kind of choppy, kind

(10:38.8 - 10:43.8)

of rough yet, but made it to the net and I needed to take

(10:43.8 - 10:47.8)

the fish off and pull the net out and come home.

(10:50.5 - 10:52.2)

Do you remember what you were wearing?

(11:04.0 - 11:05.7)

My rain gear.

Were you warm or dry?

Dry because of the rain gear

(11:05.7 - 11:09.1)

and it was kind of warm out too, that day.

(11:12.1 - 11:14.1)

Were you wearing a PFD?

(11:14.5 - 11:15.5)

What's that?

(11:18.3 - 11:23.2)

Were you wearing a lifejacket?

Not when I'm checking nets [laughs], but when we’re boating

(11:23.2 - 11:26.9)

I have the life jacket right there next to me.

(11:28.9 - 11:30.5)

Is it because it's hot or

(11:30.5 - 11:32.3)

because you're afraid it'll get tangled?

(11:32.4 - 11:34.5)

Because I was afraid to get tangled.

(11:34.6 - 11:35.5)

I don’t want to get tangled in the net. You don’t wear PFDs when you’re checking net.

What about did, you feel like you had

(11:50.6 - 11:54.2)

enough food to eat, water to drink?

(11:54.3 - 11:58.9)

Yeah, I manage to take water and if it's going to look like

(11:59.0 - 12:02.8)

we're going to stay out long I take some food to

(12:02.8 - 12:07.5)

take along, but most of the time it's all mostly water

(12:07.6 - 12:10.5)

since you eat before you go out?

Yeah.

(12:14.7 - 12:17.9)

Can you describe what a good day of fishing is like?

(12:18.5 - 12:21.5)

Good day of fishing is when the fish keep hitting.

(12:21.6 - 12:24.8)

Like one year, about four years ago.

(12:26.7 - 12:29.5)

Fish were really good that year,

(12:29.6 - 12:31.5)

but it's been downhill since. [laughs]

(12:37.7 - 12:39.2)

You feel like there's less fish?

(12:39.3 - 12:41.6)

Yeah, that's the only time I ever

(12:41.6 - 12:44.6)

filled up my 26-foot boat.

(12:49.6 - 12:52.8)

Can you describe what that day

(12:52.8 - 12:54.3)

was like physically for you?

(12:54.4 - 12:55.8)

Were you tired?

(12:56.1 - 12:58.8)

Yeah, it was a lot of work, but it was good.

(12:58.8 - 13:02.0)

I was happy catching all that fish.

(13:08.9 - 13:13.0)

And were you by yourself?

Yeah, I had a helper with me, a local guy.

(13:13.5 - 13:15.9)

Was it a friend?

Yeah.

Okay.

(13:16.0 - 13:17.1)

Can you tell me about him?

(13:17.2 - 13:18.7)

You don't say his name, but what it was like.

(13:20.4 - 13:23.4)

He was a big help to me on fishing that year.

(13:23.5 - 13:33.2)

That made it a lot easier, faster, taking out the fish.

(13:36.5 - 13:39.4)

Since then I got him for a helper. [Laughs]

He was hired.

Yeah.

Can you think back to a specific time

(13:47.3 - 13:51.2)

you were out that seemed dangerous or if

(13:51.3 - 13:53.8)

you felt unsafe and describe what happened?

(13:55.0 - 13:57.2)

Probably was last year when I was trying to

(13:57.3 - 14:00.8)

fish for Pinks and the ocean was rough.

(14:02.2 - 14:11.2)

We were getting thrown around in the boat, and after that

(14:11.3 - 14:14.9)

check, we just pulled the net and said, that's enough.

(14:20.9 - 14:24.1)

You were able to get the net?

We were able to get the net after we got done checking

(14:24.2 - 14:30.3)

it and pulled out early and no, that's too much work.

(14:32.6 - 14:35.0)

Looking back, would you have done anything differently

(14:35.1 - 14:37.6)

that day, at the beginning of the day?

(14:40.5 - 14:41.6)

Not really. The ocean’s the boss, it’s the boss. [laughs]

(14:54.4 - 14:57.9)

How did you feel physically after, so when you got back?

(14:58.0 - 14:59.2)

Really tired.

(15:02.2 - 15:05.1)

My body was still moving sideways, like I

(15:05.1 - 15:07.9)

was still in the ocean, in the waves.

(15:12.0 - 15:13.6)

How did you feel emotionally?

(15:16.2 - 15:27.3)

Green. Both physical and mental, because I have to try to

(15:27.3 - 15:32.9)

watch the waves and make sure you don't get swamped.

(15:46.4 - 15:49.5)

When you're really tired like that, what

(15:49.6 - 15:51.1)

do you do to keep going or

(15:52.3 - 15:53.4)

to stay positive?

(15:53.5 - 15:57.4)

Just go so far, then stop and

(15:57.5 - 16:03.6)

Rest and go at it again after you catch your breath.

When you say you stop and rest,

(16:16.5 - 16:17.6)

you're still out of the boat?

(16:17.7 - 16:19.4)

Yeah, I'm still with the net.

(16:19.6 - 16:24.5)

So I just tie on to the net and wait

(16:24.5 - 16:28.6)

until I'm ready to go check rest of the net.

Okay.

(16:30.6 - 16:32.9)

What do you think are some of the greatest dangers

(16:33.0 - 16:37.6)

to fishing or what kind of things go wrong?

(16:41.8 - 16:44.5)

If it’s not too rough, if it's rough out there, and then next thing would

(16:44.6 - 16:49.9)

be make sure you got the motor's working right. That’s the biggest concern. As long as the outboard motor’s running okay.

(17:03.9 - 17:06.7)

Do you think fishing in Norton Sound has

(17:06.8 - 17:11.9)

unique challenges compared to elsewhere or other places?

(17:16.5 - 17:22.1)

We don't get as bad as the other places, other regions do,

(17:22.2 - 17:30.2)

I think, but there are times when it gets really bad.

(17:32.7 - 17:35.7)

But I think other regions probably got

(17:35.8 - 17:37.9)

well, they probably got bigger boats and everything

(17:38.0 - 17:40.3)

else like on Bristol Bay and stuff.

(17:42.6 - 17:45.6)

Everybody here just got skiffs.

(17:50.7 - 17:53.1)

So what other places are you thinking

(17:53.2 - 17:54.8)

of where the weather is worse?

(17:59.6 - 18:03.9)

What I watch on fishing is that I guess Bristol

(18:04.0 - 18:10.1)

Bay gets pretty good deals, but I really don't know

(18:10.1 - 18:14.7)

about the other regions, how the weather is.

(18:19.2 - 18:23.1)

What about response time

(18:23.1 - 18:28.6)

if you need to be rescued? Do you

(18:28.6 - 18:30.9)

think someone could come help you here?

(18:32.2 - 18:36.4)

Yeah, well, back then we didn't

(18:36.4 - 18:38.0)

have these cell phones and stuff.

(18:38.1 - 18:40.1)

Now that we have cell phones,

(18:40.4 - 18:45.6)

I think rescuing would be a lot faster.

(18:47.1 - 18:50.1)

Yeah, how would that work?

(18:51.1 - 18:54.0)

So if you were to communicate a message of help,

(18:55.8 - 18:58.1)

who would you call or what would you do?

(18:58.7 - 19:02.3)

Probably call some family member at home and tell

(19:02.3 - 19:05.0)

them that I need help and they can find

(19:05.2 - 19:08.9)

someone can be up to right now can help.

(19:15.3 - 19:18.2)

Would they know where you are, roughly?

(19:19.3 - 19:20.9)

If they went to go find you,

(19:20.9 - 19:22.5)

would they know how to locate you?

(19:22.5 - 19:25.5)

Oh, yeah, pretty much everybody know.

(19:25.7 - 19:29.1)

We got names for different sections on the coastline.

(19:32.2 - 19:36.4)

Fishing by Big Lake there by Big Lake or…

(19:40.4 - 19:42.6)

Can you give me a couple of other names?

(19:51.5 - 19:57.6)

Spring Camp is a place down the coast, and another

(19:57.7 - 20:02.8)

one would be probably by Egavik area, where you

(20:02.8 - 20:04.7)

go up and fish once in a while.

(20:05.5 - 20:07.9)

One down south and one up north.

(20:13.8 - 20:15.8)

Have you gotten any injuries while you

(20:15.8 - 20:18.2)

were out fishing over the years?

(20:18.4 - 20:20.5)

No, I've been lucky on that.

(20:25.7 - 20:27.8)

That's where safety comes in.

(20:31.0 - 20:33.9)

How much sleep do you typically get while you're out?

(20:34.2 - 20:35.4)

What’s that?

How much sleep,

(20:36.0 - 20:40.0)

when you're in the fishing season per night?

(20:41.0 - 20:45.9)

No, I try to do at least an eight-hour rest.

Yeah.

(20:47.4 - 20:50.5)

When you're out, like, have the net out, do you

(20:50.5 - 20:52.5)

feel like you have a good quality of sleep?

(20:53.5 - 20:57.8)

Yeah, well, when it's slow and the ocean is good,

(20:57.8 - 21:02.5)

we go on the beach and take a nap, snack.

(21:07.1 - 21:08.5)

Those are nice times.

(21:08.5 - 21:10.1)

And you can be able to go on a

(21:10.1 - 21:17.7)

beach and rest.

How often do you do that when you’re out?

(21:20.5 - 21:24.7)

Whenever the ocean will let me. Can’t really go

(21:24.7 - 21:30.7)

to the beach when it's rough. Usually just tie

(21:30.7 - 21:33.4)

up to the net and sit there.

(21:42.0 - 21:43.4)

Do you ever have any physical

(21:43.5 - 21:45.5)

health challenges while you're fishing?

(21:46.9 - 21:48.0)

Not really.

(21:48.2 - 21:58.0)

What about when you're on land and you're preparing to go,

(21:58.7 - 22:01.1)

what do you do to prepare for a trip?

(22:02.4 - 22:06.1)

Well, make sure I have everything I need,

(22:06.2 - 22:13.3)

gas, food, and water, all the rain gear.

(22:19.2 - 22:20.7)

Do friends and family members help

(22:20.8 - 22:23.3)

you prepare or support you?

(22:23.7 - 22:27.8)

They help me whenever they can to get

(22:27.8 - 22:30.9)

the net in and out of the boat.

(22:31.0 - 22:36.6)

whenever fishing is on and it's off.

How many people do you need to lift it?

(22:39.4 - 22:41.9)

At least two people to get the nets out or nets in.

(22:50.5 - 22:53.2)

Are there resources on land that help

(22:53.3 - 22:55.4)

make fishing more safe for you?

(22:59.6 - 23:01.2)

Um, resources on land? Don't seem like it. [laughs]

(23:03.2 - 23:06.2)

Like have you ever heard of a training, like a

(23:06.2 - 23:08.8)

safety training or anything that you could take?

(23:09.4 - 23:14.3)

No, pretty much all on your own out here.

(23:14.4 - 23:19.6)

Yeah, and all those years never had any safety training. All the training we learned ourselves.

 (23:33.4 - 23:36.1)

Do you ever ask people about local

(23:36.2 - 23:42.4)

conditions or weather or tips or anything?

Yeah. I ask them

(23:44.6 - 23:47.3)

how rough it is down south or if I'm

(23:47.3 - 23:50.1)

fishing up north, how rough it is up there.

(23:50.2 - 23:52.8)

The ones that go out before me and

(23:52.8 - 23:59.1)

come back, how tolerable it would be.

(24:02.5 - 24:06.3)

What about if you needed to buy safety equipment?

(24:07.1 - 24:09.2)

Do you have a place, do you have a

(24:09.2 - 24:11.0)

store that you can get what you need?

(24:11.9 - 24:18.0)

Stores do have life vests, but life vests and stuff,

(24:18.1 - 24:21.7)

whatever we need, we get from the cannery.

(24:21.8 - 24:24.3)

or we buy from the cannery.

(24:25.5 - 24:27.3)

They don't give us nothing. [laughs]

(24:32.4 - 24:35.2)

We get a bill for it later on.

(24:40.4 - 24:42.4)

What's the longest you've been out on the

(24:42.4 - 24:44.6)

water where couldn't come to town?

(24:46.3 - 24:48.8)

I usually don't get in that situation.

(24:54.2 - 24:57.7)

That's where I'm cautious on those.

Yeah.

(24:59.4 - 25:02.2)

So you always come back the same day?

Yeah.

(25:16.5 - 25:18.1)

Can you describe what it's like,

(25:18.1 - 25:22.0)

so when you're really tired or it’s rough weather,

(25:22.1 - 25:24.4)

what it's like getting back to land?

(25:25.0 - 25:35.7)

It's a relief. [laughs]

What do you like to

(25:35.7 - 25:37.2)

do when you get off the boat?

(25:38.5 - 25:46.2)

Go home, get a snack, get reenergized to

(25:47.2 - 25:52.7)

go take care of the net. Nets, not net.

(25:56.3 - 25:58.0)

Do you wait a while to do that?

(25:58.1 - 26:02.8)

Yeah, the fishing is done with and I just go home and

(26:02.9 - 26:08.0)

relax for a while and go get someone to help me take the

(26:08.0 - 26:14.6)

nets out because we use the boat in the river also.

(26:18.9 - 26:21.9)

So looking at long term, can you

(26:21.9 - 26:23.8)

think about what the effects of fishing

(26:23.8 - 26:27.7)

would be for you physically,

Long term it's getting tougher and tougher as you get older.

(26:32.3 - 26:35.1)

Almost thinking of retiring from it. [laughs]

(26:38.7 - 26:43.4)

Anything on your body that it’s hard on?

Back. My back, well I have

(26:44.1 - 26:47.0)

a back injury already, but

(26:47.4 - 26:52.1)

that really puts more pressure on it.

(26:53.3 - 26:58.6)

And then my arm that one year, right arm was really bad.

(26:58.6 - 27:00.9)

So I went to the clinic and there was a

(27:01.0 - 27:04.7)

doctor there. Let him check me out and he

(27:04.8 - 27:07.3)

tell me, you got a tennis elbow. [laughs]

(27:08.6 - 27:11.1)

And I told him, no, it's not tennis elbow.

(27:11.2 - 27:13.4)

I call it a net elbow from doing [motions lifting the net]

(27:13.5 - 27:19.8)

it, but that's what we call it. Okay.

(27:25.5 - 27:29.3)

Then he gave me a shot at work for rest of the summer.

(27:31.6 - 27:34.3)

What about now? Do you still feel it?

No.

(27:34.4 - 27:37.6)

Since I'm not fishing and not pulling on nets and

(27:37.6 - 27:43.3)

stuff, probably once we started that might feel it again.

(27:46.3 - 27:47.8)

What about the long term

(27:47.8 - 27:49.6)

effects of fishing emotionally?

(27:51.0 - 27:53.6)

It's sad when you're not catching any fish

(27:53.6 - 28:00.5)

and making any money. [laughs] That’s the bad part of it.

(28:03.1 - 28:06.5)

What about anything spiritually that you feel?

(28:07.8 - 28:10.1)

No, I just try to be really thankful.

(28:11.1 - 28:14.4)

It keeps me safe out there.

(28:20.2 - 28:22.3)

Don't try to override nature.

(28:32.7 - 28:35.1)

Can you think about the main differences between

(28:35.2 - 28:37.9)

fishing now and fishing in the past let’s say

(28:38.8 - 28:40.1)

20 years ago?

(28:45.0 - 28:46.2)

Not really.

(28:49.3 - 28:51.4)

Well, the cannery grew bigger and

(28:51.5 - 28:53.4)

they're able to hold more fish.

(28:53.4 - 29:04.2)

That's why, so you could only give them so much fish?

(29:04.4 - 29:05.1)

Yeah.

(29:06.4 - 29:09.9)

And then once in a while that still happens here.

(29:10.0 - 29:12.8)

The fish are hitting good and they shut down

(29:12.9 - 29:17.4)

commercial fishing early because the cannery can't keep up.

(29:27.3 - 29:34.1)

What about 40 years ago?

40 years ago, had two or three different

(29:34.2 - 29:35.9)

buyers, they'd be on the beach.

(29:36.0 - 29:37.7)

They didn't have a cannery then.

(29:39.2 - 29:42.8)

People that come in and purchase the fish.

(29:42.8 - 29:47.9)

So you had at least two buyers to go to.

(29:50.6 - 29:52.6)

Do you feel like there was more fish then?

Pretty much the same.

(29:56.5 - 30:00.3)

But there wasn’t as much fisherman

(30:00.4 - 30:02.8)

back then as there is now.

(30:03.3 - 30:06.9)

There was less permits than we have now.

(30:10.0 - 30:11.9)

So do you think it makes a

(30:11.9 - 30:15.6)

difference then on the number of permits?

Yeah.

(30:26.8 - 30:29.3)

So just kind of a couple of last questions.

(30:30.1 - 30:32.0)

Are there any experiences that you had

(30:32.0 - 30:33.9)

that you think others could learn from?

(30:38.1 - 30:40.3)

Fishermen pretty much know everything. [laughs]

(30:46.6 - 30:50.8)

Everybody try to be safe as they can out there.

(30:53.3 - 30:54.8)

That's what you would share?

(31:01.7 - 31:03.3)

Yeah.

How can someone do that?

(31:03.9 - 31:06.2)

Well, just keep an eye on the ocean. [laughs]

(31:06.2 - 31:11.6)

That’s the boss out there.

(31:19.4 - 31:21.6)

Is there any knowledge you would like to share?

(31:25.1 - 31:27.2)

Well, just keep your senses up

(31:27.2 - 31:29.5)

and don't ever panic out there.

(31:37.2 - 31:38.6)

And then is there anything else you'd

(31:38.6 - 31:40.6)

like to add from this conversation?

(31:42.4 - 31:44.5)

Wish everybody good fishing. [laughs]

(31:49.2 - 31:54.9)

Okay, well, I might ask you to think

(31:54.9 - 31:57.5)

about a way that this could be shared.

(31:58.6 - 32:02.1)

Maybe I'll ask your brother if he makes films.

(32:04.8 - 32:06.6)

Someone said Jerry does.

(32:07.0 - 32:09.9)

Okay, I'm going to have to go check on him on that.

(32:10.1 - 32:12.2)

And then I'll give them your phone number. 1456, right?

(32:15.0 - 32:18.1)

That's my number until the 14th.

1456.

Yes.

(32:22.1 - 32:23.1)

And then after that.