

Accession Number 83/2 CT3 Tape Side A
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Notes Interview with Paul Leidorf + Joe Kerr

FOOTAGE	DESCRIPTION
3 - 20	Boat Maintenance
21 - 31	Old boat - March 1, 1952 - Background of boat
32 - 53	How the operation works - Pay etc. Age of fisherman
54 - 79	Pat explains what he is doing there
* 80 - 101	"Three years at the rate things are going and there won't be no more fishermen. Why that's so."
102 - 147	Attitude toward sports fishermen + law + commercial fishermen + law.
148 - 254	Regulations of 1970 that resulted from the fear of Mercury poisoning from fish. - Increased state's authority. Cut the number of nets down + decreased the area commercial fishermen could fish in. Raised ^{fish} size limits. "Getting the shaft for the last 10 years."

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253 - 264	Canadian fishermen still thriving
* 265 - 279	Why doesn't the state of Ohio realize they are hurting the industry through its regulations. "They told us before... that their primary concern is to eliminate the commercial fishery in Lake Erie."
* 280 - 330	Why do you like it? "We're free men" You start fishing young & it gets into your blood. Could do other work and have done other work but hated it. "Work 7 days a week and 10 or 12 hours a day but god damn it's a lot of fun too."
331 - 363	Background of father & grandfather learned from different outfits not from his father.
362 - 399	Background of how other informant got started. - made good money as a child fisherman.
400 - 410	Been thrown over board a couple of three-lines because I didn't do it their way

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411 - 489	We want to fish for Pickerel. People should have the right to buy it cheaply. Difference between Canadian + Ohio fishing law = Pearch ^{Pearch} laws.
490 - 587	Celeste promises some relief "But if he don't hurry it's going to be too late." Why. Equipment is wearing out. Working with 1950's equipment. New laws limit fishing season. The result is you lose your crew. It takes 5 years to break a man in. Once we die the license is shot, so we can't sell it. "If you don't take your license out in two years, it's shot." (Emotional)
626 - 642	Can't get in to the industry in Canada either.
643 - 689	Crew size - More about regulations and enforcement
690 - 698	Family - Effects of work on family
699 - 720	What time do you go out & how far out do you go

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0 - 45	(Weather) What conditions indicate where you ought to fish? How late in the season can you fish? Can you fish in storms? Storms destroy nets
46 - 78	Pat describes what he intends to do while researching. Pat gives background about himself.
79 - 104	General description of work & work season - Cooperation
105 - 115	Equipment - Purpose of a depth finder
* 116 - 142	Weather prediction
143 - 167	Catch fish live - Catfish - Iced down - Jewish market
168 - 267	Storms on the lake. - Memorates
268 - 308	Boats lost on the lake - "Stupidity"
309 - 330	About boat construction & costs
331 - 400	How to set the nets & bring the fish in "Pinrails" "Nigger heads"
400 - 450	"Yell, in the old days they had it pretty tough" Steel boat boats & Wooden boats, "Old timers" - Markey Zimmerman Larry Marshall

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451-508	All the fishermen know each other "Mienke" brothers, Billy Polk, Frank Reynolds - "Just a couple of us left" "Just ain't got enough brains to quit I guess."
509-530	"We need public support." Fish giveaways Pat offers to write newspaper articles
530-600	"The governor says he wants to put ^{Ohio} people back to work - Eliminate 600 jobs in the last few years Crews, "shanty rats", people who deliver the fish ... it all adds up. Loses all the jobs. Ray Huet?"
601-609	Pat describes his itinerary.
610-625	Fishing is good in October not in September
630-635	"I averaged I think I threw back this year about 90% of my catch"
636-680	How long have the seasons been this way? When did she cut off the middle of the summer? Why? "They said it was a sociological

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	problem that they had to cure."
	Pat replies incredulously, "What's
	sociological about it?" "We're
	interfering with them guys." "There's
	only 20 of us and they can
	regulate us very easily cause
	there's only 20 but there's 7,000
	or 8,000 of them guys." Can't regulate
	them guys....
681 - 720	Memorandum concerning experience
	with the sport fishermen. - The
	sports fishermen are fishing the
	lake out