New Bedford Scallop Fishing
Oral History Project, 2000-2001

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**Extent:** one linear foot (two video boxes)

**Historical Note:** These interviews explore the changes in the fishing industry, the rising demand for scallops, and the effects fishing has on the marine ecosystem. The people who were interviewed consist of immigrants, children of fishermen, environmental lawyers, people involved in fisheries, marine biologists, and chefs. The interviews discuss how the changes in the fishing industry from 1986 to 1994 have affected the business, since the rise in popularity of scallops during the late 1930s; however, there was a divide among the interviewees, since some people believed that the closed areas designated for the preservation of delicate marine habitats were good for the business because the product was fresher, while others believed they were detrimental for business because the fishermen were not allowed to catch as many scallops – they were only allowed to catch four bags of scallops and work only eight days. The videos follow the popularity of scallops and the decline of the fishing industry. They also present the economic troubles the fishermen are facing, due to the increased environmental protection laws for marine life that are passed by Congress. These interviews were used in a video production on scallop fishing.

**Scope and context note:** This collection consists of twenty-five VHS recordings of interviews with fishermen, marine biologists, environmental lawyers, and cooking experts. Of note, is an interview of celebrity chef Julia Child in which she discusses the use of the scallop in French cuisine and her role in promoting it.

**Dates:** 2000-2001

**Creators:** Daniel Georgianna

**Language:** The materials are filmed entirely in English.

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**Restrictions on access:** none

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Box Contents

Box 1

Jens Isaksen (fisherman) Interview (3 tapes), 7-31-00; 23 min. 35 sec.

Chris Zeman (American Oceans Campaign, 1987) Interview (3 tapes), 6-22-01; 5 min, 18 sec.

Harriet Didricksen (Norwegian community; owns 3 boats) Interview (3 tapes), 8-0-00; 5 min., 21 sec.

Louie Doucette (fisherman) Interview ()
Louie Doucette Interview (Tape #2)
Louie Doucette Interview (Tape #3)
Louie Doucette Interview (Tape #4)
Dan Georgianna Interview

Box 2

Julia Child Interview (Tape #1)
Julia Child Interview (Tape #2) (Both Copied onto one DVD, included in box)
Kevin Stokebury Interview (Tape #1)
Kevin Stokebury Interview (Tape #2)
Gail Isaksen Interview (Tape #1)
Gail Isaksen Interview (Tape #2)
John Isaksen Interview (Tape #1)
John Isaksen Interview (Tape #2)
John Isaksen Interview (Tape #3)
Tommy Quintin Interview (Tape #1)
Tommy Quintin Interview (Tape #2)
Brian Rothschild Interview (Tape #1)
Brian Rothschild Interview (Tape #2)