

we do it legal. I mean, I may like [to eat] deer and all that, but we do not kill anything unless it is in season. All my brothers have dogs, and they like to hunt in the woods. They want me to hunt with them. And we do a lot of fishing. I also do some trapping, if I need to--fish trapping.

P: Do you have traps that you have made? Do you have traps here?

W: Yes.

P: Do you make them yourself?

W: Yes.

P: I would like to see those. Karen was telling me that I needed to ask you about that.

W: Yes. Now, there are not catfish like there used to be. When I was a boy, I grew up there, and we could just go down and put a trot line out a way across the river.

P: In the Suwannee?

W: In the Suwannee. I smoked cigarettes back then. You would go out, and by the time you had smoked a cigarette and started back across, you could start getting fish off of that trot line. They were just in there like that. [There were] beautiful channel cat. Nowadays they are just not in there. I think it is due to pollution.

P: That was my question.

W: I think Occidental [Petroleum Company] had a lot to do with it. That is my opinion, now.

P: I do, too.

W: The last thing I read that came out on it was about two weeks ago--and you probably read it in the paper, too--about Occidental and how high Goose Creek was, the pH, and everything.

P: I did a story about the Suwannee River in the [Gainesville] Sun about two years ago.

W: Did you?

P: It was a three-part series, and the second part was all about Occidental.

W: Well, I probably read it, because I read everything in the Sun.