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MARTIN YATES: Martin Yates. I've fished here from the time I was five, so that would have been 50 years ago.

My uncle¹ owned a, motel in Neskowin, and uh, right on the beach. My—it was my uncle. He had a dairy farm down here that—our family dairy farm, he took it over and then, all of our relatives lived over here. And, used to be years ago if you were out in the fog, the—and there's still a trailer on the beach—the people would drive down there and shine their lights out on the beach, so that you could find your way back in. It wasn't uncommon to come in after dark. Lots of times I'd leave in the dark and come back in the dark, when I was commercial fishin'.

Well, it—I had my younger brother² with me and, and um, we obviously were a lot further south than we thought we were because, we were comin' up, runnin' up the surf line—we ran into the surf line and then were runnin' the surf line north—and I see these lights shinin' back out onto the ocean so I took a right turn and, I landed the dory right in front of my uncle's motel in Neskowin. [Laughter] Instead of up here! [Laughter] Uh, he gave me a ride to my truck. [Laughter] And wanted to know why I was still in the ocean

after dark and the fog so bad. And I don't know that my little brother ever went fishin' with me again after that either. It was not good.

NOTES:

¹ John Yates

² Rob Yates