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Interview 1 with Alexander (Alika) Harris

1/19/2000

Tape 1, Side A

CL: Alika, I'd like to ask you a couple of personal details first, before we start, like where were you born and raised?

AH: I was born in Kona, Napo'opo'o. Well, I was born in November 24, 1921, born down at Kealakekua Bay. So I born and raised in Kona.

CL: How did you happen to come over to this side?

AH: Well, we move over here, in about the late 30s I moved to Hilo. We had work to be done, so, during that time I used to work for the paving outfit. That's Hawaiian Bitumuls. I worked for Hawaiian Bitumuls for twelve years. Me and my dad were working together. We go all around, do the kind distributor work, eh? That's how we move here. Then after that I met my wife. My wife, she were brought up from here, Kalapana, the Kamelamela family. She's a Kamelamela.

CL: Her name is Momi?

AH: Momi, yeah, that's correct. That's when I met her. Then we stayed, we move at Hawaiian Homes, Keaukaha. I had a lease on the Hawaiian Homes. We moved down there probably the late 40s. And we stayed there for quite a while. After I worked for Hawaiian Bitumuls they wanted me to go over to Honolulu to work. So I said no, I gonna stay back over here. So I went to work for Kimi, the ones they own all the hotel chain.

CL: Yeah, yeah, that was Uncle Billy's.

AH: Uncle Billy, yeah. I worked for them for about four years I think. I was their foreman, we built all that Hukilau Hotel. Build the one in Hilo, we went to Maui build that there, and then we build another one in Kona, down in Kailua. Couldn't make a go, eh? cause I got married and, you know, my family was kinda picking up little bit, so the pay I couldn't make it. So I went to Glover, I worked for Glover from 1952 I think until I retired in 1985. So I worked 33 years for Glover. I was the paving supervisor up there.

CL: So when did you move to Kalapana?

AH: I moved in the early 70s. During the time when I was working, and I was building this house down here.

CL: Is this your wife's family land, or you bought it?

AH: No, this was one estate. This was the Kamelamela estate. So,

then my brother-in-law Matthew Kamelamela was taking care of this place. But he got sick, so he asked my wife if I could take it over. Well during that time I was making pretty good money with Glover. So I said okay, I took over. Then I start probate this place. Then after that, then I cut it up all in, I gave my nephews some land over here. We had 68 acres over here. So I gave some of the land, I gave it. I have a controlling share over here, the biggest share over here. Out of that 68 I think I have about 40 something acres that's mine. That's how I got to over here.

Everybody asks me, eh--you know when I go to the doctor and e tell me--how come your name Harris? That's haole that name. Say, well my dad was adopted by Harris. See my dad was half Hawaiian and part haole. He was adopted. Then my dad's mother was pure Hawaiian. That's how I got his name Harris. And my mother was half Hawaiian and half Chinese. I had my grandfather was Chinese, Akona. So that's how I went inside the national park and asked them that I want the rights to go in there [because he fit the requirement of being 50% Hawaiian]. So, I was allowed to go in there.

[bit omitted]

So I decided to built down here. Only thing I have to commute to go to work. But the company gives me a pickup, with radio and everything all inside.

CL: The new road was in already?

AH: Yeah, was partly in. We made this road, we work on this road. In fact I paved this whole island, right around. Where ever you see get road, I was the one that paved that, yeah I worked on that.

CL: So let me ask you about fishing, I got a whole set of questions. Where in the park do you go fishing, since the flow ended?

AH: Well I used to go a lotta place, I used to go 'Apua. Apua Bay? That's where I used to go fish, cause I had my own horses, my own trailer, everything.

CL: You still have the horses?

AH: No. I gave it away. I'm too old for go in with horses now. Cause I'm 78 years old so.

CL: When did you stop taking the horses in?

AH: Around the 80s, I think so.

CL: Do you remember Rita Pregana, a ranger up there, Portagee lady? (Oh yeah, yeah, I know a lot of em but sometimes I forget the names.) Cause she started around 87, 88 in there [actually 1989] and she remembers you coming in.

AH: I used to go in there and get permits, you know you supposed to go in.

CL: So must have been up to the late 80s.

AH: Yeah, the late 80s that's right.

CL: So since you gave up the horses, do you go in by car for fishing at all?

AH: Yeah, I go in and I park there and I walk inside. I walk maybe about one hour, two hours.

CL: How far?

AH: Well I don't go way up to 'Apua, I go in to past Ka'ena, eh? where that sand bay? I go past that, just beyond there. Normally I go in the night, all night fishing. Then I fish on the side the roads too, eh? Where park the car, on the pullouts, yeah?

CL: So, you know the names of any of the places that you fish beside the road? like 45, do you go there?

AH: Yeah, I know 45. And there's another place, but I think it's covered now, you know High Castle?
[bit omitted] Cause I remember we used to fish there most of the time. I wen go to High Castle from the first time this road was block off. But before that we used to go right from here, only take 15 minutes. Used to take me hour and a half to go around, eh? Go by High Castle, then there's another place called Twenty Minutes, that's where the guys go catch the ulua. Well, we go in there and then walk down all the way down that area.

CL: So when was the last time you would have gone in by car to the roadside like that?

AH: I would say maybe about two months ago. That night wasn't biting, but was stormy then. Two rangers came up and stop and talk to me. They ask me my name and I told em. So I think they call up headquarters and they said Alika if that's alright. [bit omitted] So they say, oh, okay, we just checking up. I say yeah, that's good. We see a lotta guys going in there without permit, eh? Well, that's their good luck if they don't get caught. But it hurts us too. Afterall, I think that place was meant for us. And, well, sometime you cannot blame them too. You gotta blame us, the guides. Sometime we take too much guys down there. If you can minimize the people you take down there, everything gonna last more long. But you keep takin everybody down there, then later on they ain't gonna get nothing. And with this sand covering all that beach, the beach ain't gonna be no good for fishing. That's why we walk way inside.

CL: So when you went that last time, which place did you go to?

AH: Well I fish right there in the front. You know when you go down, past that other pullout up where we go in with the horses, eh? that's the one they call Pu'uloa. Okay, we further down, the next pullout down. That's where everybody used to park.

CL: They call that second parking lot [Twenty Minutes parking lot].

AH: Yeah, second parking lot.

Nothing bite. So we stayed up there. Well, normally we bring little bit beer. Sit down, drink a little bit beer, then chew the fat, and then come back home.

We usually go down and we coming right out in the night. We walk early, maybe about 3:00. As long the water is good we walk, we past Ka'ena. And then we wait till dark, then we start fishing from there, fish out. And we just come out, come out, come out till we reach the car. But when we get our load, we hit the trail, we know where the trail is so we just go to the trail, come out by our car, sit down--you know everybody gotta talk fish story--so we sit down, chew the fat. Normally when I go it's about four or five guys the most I take.

CL: So how many of you went this time?

AH: I think was only three of us.

CL: So this time you didn't walk cause it was stormy?

AH: No, no. I stayed right by the car, just fish around there. When it's rough on the inside, we don't go way down. The most we go down to Twenty Minutes. That Twenty Minutes is all deep, yeah? all that coastline is all high, so, but. But when you past Ka'ena it's all low, eh? That's where all the nice fishes down there, menpachi is all loaded. Normally we go down to there, we fill our basket up, oh, straight out to the car.

CL: So it's especially menpachi that you like to get?

AH: Yeah, menpachi, 'aweoweo. And, well you get no choice, you get that ta'ape. You don't wanta catch but the thing just bite the hook, so we don't throw em away, we take home for eat, eh?

CL: And then, how long ago do you suppose it was that you hiked farther in?

AH: Umm, that was pretty long though. I would say about June I think was the last time I went inside. I went right down, past Ka'ena. Only two of us went that time.

CL: So you usually guide somebody in when you do that? or you

take somebody from Kalapana?

AH: I take somebody from Kalapana or, sometime maybe one of my boys wanta go so I take them with me, or sometime I take one of my friends. Way back before, when the first time they gave us the rights for go inside there, they say oh, you can take up to 50 guys. That's the first time they said, you can take 50. But you think to yourself, why should you take 50 down there, you know? Just take close friends, maybe five. Five would be the most. But I know somebody's down there is still goin in there and takin a lot. One time I went down there right by that parkin lot, I seen 20 people down there, with a guide from here. And they are old-timers too. I don't mention their name.

[bit omitted]

Even when we used to go in with horses, the guys who go in with me they have the rights to go inside too. I had three horses, my other friend had one, so we used four. Then we used that to pack, eh? The rest of us we just hike all the way to 'Apua.

[bit omitted]

I mention to him [Aku] before, you know, they should get somebody go inside there too. We used to get, we used to go pound 'opihi inside there, and when we going in to pound 'opihi we see all these Portugee guys down the beach, they all pounding 'opihi. Oh yeah, we got one friend, one ranger is working up there, he tell us when can come in. I say, that ranger he get no right to, even him he cannot go down there and fish. You have to be from Kalapana. Well, that's what he told us. Well you guys better watch it, next time you guys gonna get caught. And never take too long, they got caught.

CL: When was the last time you think you went in to pound 'opihi in the park?

AH: I think the last time I went pound 'opihi, that's when I went in with the horses. I think you got that down there. Cause that's what we go in there, we pound 'opihi, then in the night we go hook fish, then we come out early in the morning.

CL: So you pound 'opihi first in the afternoon?

AH: Oh no, in the morning. We go early, we leave here still dark and we get down there and saddle all our horses and ready. Put all our stuff on, just get daybreak and we start goin in. We take about 2 1/2 hours, cause we go slow go inside. Go down to 'Apua, tie the horses, unload all our stuff, our coolers and everything. Then we walk down to the next bay, the second bay. Then we pound 'opihi from...

CL: At Keauhou?

AH: Just before Keauhou.

CL: The place where there's one milo tree there [sic: should be kou tree]?

AH: Yeah, yeah. Right before there. Then from there we start pound. Well depends, if we go farther down. We walk through the beaches, that's why we walk, we don't take the horses, we walk. So we go down there. The only time we take horses is when we take another guy with us, then we tell him come around with the horse so he can pack the stuff back. Then we walk down, we look, hey, get 'opihi, so we pound from there. Otherwise we gotta go further down, we pound, we come back. Then we sit at the waterhole, and that's where we go take a bath inside there. Sit down there, we start dig all that 'opihi out, till almost dark. When almost dark then we pau, put everything away, get our pole and we go out fish. We make the trip worth while, cause it cost big money to make the trip for go down there, cause all the horse you gotta shoe and everything, eh? So gotta make it good. Well, so far, I enjoy myself goin in there.

CL: You ever throw net at 'Apua? (Yeah) So you hook fish and you also thrown net?

AH: Well, usually I just throw net. Well, if I get lotta ice, then I throw net when I reach if the fish is there. But in the night we don't fish right in fron 'Apua. Because we respect those guys, you know they monitoring the turtles. So we don't fish up there, you know. During the day, that's when we go fish in the front, that throw net. We fish [with pole] until we know we have enough to go in the cooler, okay we fill those coolers up, that's enough. We come back to the camp in the morning about 1:00. When we go walk inside and start fish come back--we don't fish right in front 'Apua, we go further down, about half way down, and fish from there. You just stay one spot and that's all, they just keep biting till your arm come all tired.

CL: So when you used to thrownet at 'Apua, what kinda fish did you catch?

AH: Aholehole. Sometime āholehole, sometime manini. But mostly we go only for the āholehole, cause right back here we can get manini, like that. That's all I been doin, that's my life, thrownet. I throw a lotta net.

CL: Do you know a moi hole at 'Apua?

AH: I know two moi hole down at 'Apua. One is at 'Apua and the next one is at that second bay. Second bay has a nice moi hole up there.

CL: So actually, sometimes you went for moi down there too, eh?

AH: Oh yeah, if you see the moi you goin for the moi, eh? But

most time you catch āholehole. Aholehole is choke. Early in the morning we go up there, you look outside, oh you see em all floating on the water. Boom. That way you don't have to ice it up, just throw em in the can and out you go, and you reach the car you can ice em outside the car.

CL: So you ever thrownet for 'enenu in the park?

AH: 'Enenu? Hardly.

CL: And what about uouo?

AH: Uouo, well, if I see uouo. But most time when I go I take big eye, just big eye. So if I going catch uouo, I going catch big uouo. So most likely, I only going for moi or āholehole, so that's why I take big eye.

CL: So are there any other poho that you use more this side?

AH: No, I never did thrownet more this side. Goat corral side, well, we only going make 'opihi up there. You know where goat corral? well we make 'opihi there, and all this other place. I never did throw net from there on. The only time I used to throw, you know when they used to have the center, Waha'ula, they used to have some moi puka I used to throw net. That was way back.

Side B

[part omitted/see questionnaire--on use of whipping rod, doesn't go for ulua, went for 'a'ama at 'Apua, etc.]

CL: Since you gave the horses away, and you're goin now to Ka'ena, how often do you go that far?

AH: That's the same thing, it depend on the water too. That's why, from on the top you can see, eh? you know the lookout on the top, you can see down. Hey, the water flying up there's no sense you walk way down there for nothin. So we stay back this side, from maybe Twenty Minutes or little past Twenty Minutes. We stay right in that area and then from there we fish back to that pullout, that's what they call number two pullout, eh?

CL: Let's say if we throw it all together, Ka'ena and Twenty Minutes, how many times a year would you say you go now?

AH: I would say maybe about 5, 6 times I think, about that. Plus we get down here too, see, we go in here too till Royal Gardens.

CL: Are you going in there now?

AH: Well, we used to go. Didn't have the road before, where that

lava ended, we used to walk from there, we walk all the way down from there. How far? about three miles I think. (So it's like Kamoamoa, in there? Sometime we past there. That's way back, that's when the lava was flowing, that's when we was going down that area. Was goin inside the ocean, flowing, so we go close and we fishin right there. That's where the fish bite like mad.

CL: Now that the flow stopped on this side have you ever walked in there since from this side?

AH: From Kalapana side? I haven't gone in there for quite a while. Cause, see Aku folks they made a road from where the old Catholic church was. They made a road go down to the beach. So every time Aku lend me the key, so I go out there. When I wanta go fish I go right out there, go fish. I have a four-wheel drive pickup too I drive. So I haven't been goin inside there for quite a while.

Cl: And how is the fishing down there?

AH: Not bad. Sometime they bite, sometime they don't. Sometime, oh, a lotta fish. They just bite, bite, bite. You just take what you can carry and that's all, going out already.

[bit omitted--about riding horses to 'Apua when he got older, going with Sam Kahookaulana, about limu, lobster]

AH: [about trips to 'Apua] Go out there, I spend I say for one trip I spend little over a hundred dollars to go down there. Ice, shoe the horses, I shoe the two horses, fuel and everything I go down there. So when we come back we got plenty, we give everybody. Call everybody, hey, come over here, help yourself, everybody eat. We never used to sell nothing. Even 'opihi, never did sell 'opihi. Guys wanta make party, they tell us, we go inside, we help them out. Never did sell anything. Even the fish, we give em out.

[bit omitted]

This younger generation start going, going [for 'opihi], eh, get too much, I go sell. Not even worth to sell. If you think too much, just pick what you need. Then you know, a lotta guys their eyes big but. They just take, take, take, and then they come up they get so much fish, what you gonna do with all that fish. Put em in the freezer? And after you get em in the freezer you don't wanta eat em, cause you used to eating fresh fish. Yeah so, I don't know how some people think, but that's how I think about it. That way you can preserve more.

I know a lot about fish, cause we were brought up with fish in Kona. That was our living. My father goes to work, after work comes back, go out with the canoe. We had our own canoe.

CL: What about hā'uke'uke, you ever eat that?

AH: Once in a while I used to pick up hā'uke'uke. Cause my wife

likes hā'uke'uke. Normally we go down there, we bust a hā'uke'uke, if it's fat, got plenty meat, then it's worthwhile bringing. You don't wanta bring only the shell back. So, once in a while we pick hā'uke'uke.

CL: What about that other thing, that 'ōkole?

AH: I never did, I don't eat that thing. Umh-uhm.

CL: Do you think you're going as much now at Kalapana as the park?

AH: I go over here more. Cause the park is, nowadays you have to walk kinda far, because you know why? Getting fished out, eh? Too much guys going down there, getting fished out that's why. Sometime, well, maybe just luck and then the fish start biting right by the road. But otherwise you gotta walk.

CL: Well there's not that much area right by the road.

AH: Not enough area. Before all down the line. You just go over there, we used to just drive from here, go in there, stay about one hour, coming home already, that's enough. Catch about 20, 30 menpachi, ah let's go home, enough already. But now, ah, gotta walk far for catch that much. But, you know, that's a sport. We go for sport, you know, enjoy.

CL: Is there any place out this side that you go thrownet?

AH: You mean outside of the park? Oh yeah, I go down Pohoiki, I go down all this area I used to thrownet.

CL: And still today?

AH: Today I go down Pohoiki, but nowadays Pohoiki is just full with people, eh? Since the lava cover over here, there's no beach for them eh? I used to fish all in the front there I used to thrownet. Oh, I used to catch lotta moi down there. Sunday mornings I go down there, pound little bit 'opihi and thrownet enough for eat, I come home, we eat fresh fish every Sunday morning. But lately I hardly go thrownet. I got plenty thrownets, but I hardly go thrownet because no sense you go down the beach and it's all covered with all those guys camping down there and they're throwing their rubbish all around the place. It's pitiful.

CL: And for 'opihi, would you go anywhere besides the park?

AH: Well, we used to go down in King's Landing before, that's in Hilo. Walk down from King's Landing, we walk down to Shipman Ranch, then we catch 'opihi down there. That's way back. And we used to go with the boat too. Cause my wife used to live down there, down at Shipman's Bay. Her stepfather was a foreman down there, cowboy foreman. David Kaiawe. That was her stepfather. So

they allow me to go either side. I can go Hilo side or I can go down the other side.

CL: So these days are you still going to pound 'opihi anywhere?

AH: I hardly go now. Too old already. The legs. During the time we was going in 'Apua, well we strong yet. Nowadays the only time I pound 'opihi I go down Suisan, I give him the greenback, give me one gallon 'opihi. 'A'ama too. I haven't gone for 'a'ama for many years. xxx Eighties or the early nineties, no? between there.

[bit omitted--didn't go in by boat, looking at map]

CL: What places did you go in this area before the flow came in?

AH: Where is Highcastle? Oh shucks, I used to go all the way this, right down to the center, Kamoamo.

CL: I know you said you threw net around Waha'ula, in there.

AH: Waha'ula, yeah, there was a spot on the back here they had a little pond in the back here. From this center we used to fish, in fact all this area, this was the boundary, eh? I used to fish all down this line.

CL: And there was only the one place where you went thrownet?

AH: Yeah, that's the only. Not every time, when I go inside I see, then I throw.

CL: You know the first pullout past the center, was it close to there?

AH: No, no, outside of that. Little bit more this side, where the parking lot, that camping area.

CL: That's a little bit on the Kalapana side.

AH: Yeah, that's place I went, that's the place for throw net. They had only one spot. Outside of that I fish all the way, all this side [down to Pu'uloa turn]. Fished all this side, then Chain of Crater, I used to down Chain of Crater, down to 'Opihinehe and Kāki'iwai, Hilina pali.

CL: How'd you go there?

AH: With horse, with Tony Oliveira. That's what I told you. We used to go down, way back before. From Hilina pali go down. You go down through the trail, eh? we go with horses. All you need is just get permit, eh? go down there.

CL: So that was in...

AH: I think maybe in the late 60s or 70s like that we went down there.

CL: So you went Kāki'iwai...

AH: Kāki'iwai, Hilina pali. Then you go to the right, you go to 'Opihinehe. That's where the boundary is, eh? We go down there all with horses.

CL: You know the name Kalue? Did people ever use that name?

AH: Uhmp-uhm.

CL: You were there before that earthquake, you know 74? cause it changed after that.

AH: When we went to Hilina pali, well we went before that earthquake. You know Buckman? well he used to be up there, and John Kaiawe, well we used to go down there with them. And had this other ranger. xxx We used to go down there and go down to Keauhou too, and then you get Oliveira used to come from Hilina pali, bring over the horses and meet us. Then we walked down to Keauhou from top we go down. We go down, park the car halfway, and then we walk all the way down to the beach. We go down there we sleep in the ranger's camp.

CL: So you would walk from where?

AH: You know that road go down to Keauhou, you go down the Chain of Crater and you get that road go down there.

CL: The 'Ainahou road.

AH: 'Ainahou, yeah. Goin down with the car as far as the car can go, then we walk down to the beach. Then we gotta horse for pack all our stuff up. xxx

If we go down that area we don't go to Kāki'iwai. But if we go around from the other side, Hilina pali, the end, and then we would go down with the horse. Then we go around and we sleep at Kāki'iwai. But we used to fish right inside Kāki'iwai. That's a big cliff up there, you know, that's a big cliff. And then had one bay inside, that's where we go thrown net and make 'opihi. But to go across Halapē, we have to around. You get one place you gotta swim around the point, and go up on the other side. So we never used to go across there. The goodies was right up there anyway. Underneath that cliff, everything had. But we never used to fish nighttime, just to make 'opihi and then thrownet in the morning and come back up. That's all we used to do.

CL: Well, let me show you this map of Kāki'iwai, because not many people went to Kāki'iwai before that quake. So it's hard to find out. Does this look familiar?

AH: I think so. I never seen em on a map, but I know we goes down and from there when we come down the place gets cliff and we turn back, come toward Kalapana side, and then we come back and we hit Kāki'iwai. It looks something like this. That's a big hill, and then right on the side here, that's where we make all the 'opihi. And that's a bay, eh? get a small bay, on the Kalapana side.

CL: And is that where the 'opihi was?

AH: 'Opihi was right by the cliff.

CL: More over on the Ka'ū side.

AH: This side was all flat [Kāki'iwai]. And beyond that they had some more. Then right around here someplace where you go to Halapē, eh? Right around there you get one point sticking out.
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Never did go too far this side [toward Ka'ū]. Only time when we go, when we going off, when we say oh we going 'Opihinehe. And going special, only for 'opihi. So we going to the right [coming down on the trail], toward Ka'ū.

CL: But you go upside when you going to 'Opihinehe, yeah?

AH: Yeah.

CL: So which side would you go thrownet? Which side where the poho was?

[AH said on the east side]

Tape 2, Side A

CL: And do you remember any waterholes down there?

AH: No, I don't think so. Oh yeah, I remember when we come with our horse, I was told there was, before we reach here. Someplace around here I think, they had a holes, waterhole, someplace on this side [Kalue]. Brackish water. You know, I were told, but I didn't go to that waterhole. I was told, but I never did see em.

CL: But over down here at Kāki'iwai, no waterhole eh?

AH: No more. xxx

CL: The problem is--now they use the name Kalue for over here, but in the earlier days nobody ever used that name, they only said Kāki'iwai for this whole area.

AH: For the whole area, eh?

CL: I talked to Kaipō Roberts, I couldn't get straight with him.

I wasn't sure which place he was talkin about when he said Kāki'iwai.

AH: This is it. This is the area.

CL: Cause he said a waterhole, but I didn't know whether he meant over here or over here.

AH: No the waterhole was back this side [Kalue], cause we used to come with the horse and then we used to come across here [from Kalue as shown on the map to Kāki'iwai], and come down here. This is where we used to camp over here [Kāki'iwai]. Down at the, had a little bit sand and a little bit grass. Sleep there, and the goats used to be all on this hill [Ka'aone] in the night. All cryin up there. And that's where all this 'opihi we used to make in here, all this.

When did they put this name [Kalue]?

CL: Well, I guess it was an old name, cause it was on the old USGS maps, but it doesn't seem like the Kalapana folks ever used it. Cause--all the oldtimers, they just said Kāki'iwai.

AH: Yeah. I think the oldtimers they hardly used to go down there, it was too far, eh? I know when they go to 'Apua there's a waterhole out there so...

[part omitted about riding horses at night]

CL: So when you went down to 'Opihinehe, did you just go to that place only?

AH: Yeah, we go down early in the morning, we get inside 'Opihinehe it's just about getting daybreak, cause we travel on the horse in the night. Then we pound 'opihi and we come back the same day. About maybe 1:30, 2:00 we be up at the park [headquarters].

CL: What's that place look like?

AH: Nice flat. Big flat. We just walk, just pound and just make piles. Tony comes with the horse and put em in the bag. Hey, we get about four bags. How many of us, oh about five, okay, nough already, we going up already.

CL: So was it real thick with 'opihi down there?

AH: Thick. Used to be thick. But now the boat guys go in there, this Ka'ū guys go in there, they clean em all up. And there's no way you can stop em, cause they just come and go and that's it. That's why. That used to be plenty 'opihi. It's like even Kāki'iwai used to get so much 'opihi. As I say, when guys go for commercial, then everything start disappear, you know. That's the

problem.

xxx There's plenty flat area down there [at 'Opihinehe], but they get one big, nice _____. And fish, you see all the mois down there. Lotta moi. Cause they had a big reef, get one big flat reef, and just like all fish. And when the wave come up, it comes in eh? it fills up all the ponds, so when they go out, the fish all get lock up in the ponds. So they get, oh, plenty fish. And us we go down there, we don't even bring net, eh? Well I went down there two times, that's all. I didn't take net down there.

CL: So that whole area that the waves came over, was it all full of 'opihi?

AH: Well, 'opihi, fish--but mostly toward the Kalapana side, that's the 'opihi place, yeah? Plus get all limu too, eh? on top. That limu kohu and that other hard limu, that's what it stay all on the reef. Just on the side of that, that's where all the 'opihi stays, just help yourself boy.

[bit omitted]

But Kāki'iwai we used to go pretty often.

CL: So, how much sand was there at Kāki'iwai?

AH: No, not much. Little bit only.

CL: And was it black sand or white sand?

AH: No, white. Cause we used to take our ice down, used to dig hole and bury the ice in the sand. If we sleep overnight, then we bury em in the sand. Next day we throw net, then we take the ice out. We ice the fish and then we come up on the horse. Cause normally we come up kinda early. And you know how hot the sun is, eh? Yeah, we used to bury em in the sand. And that's where we used to sleep, right down there. All them goats makin big noise, cohh.

CL: So, what about Halapē?

AH: Halapē, I went down there about three times I think.

[portion omitted]

CL: Why would you say you go fishing in the park?

AH: The reason I go fish there, cause they get plenty fish there that's why. I think that's the only good place get fish before. I don't think that place gonna be any good with all these people going down there. Probably gonna be run outta fish. Right now it is not that good.

[portion omitted on control of guiding, park controlling fishing below limu line]

AH: Right now I think the rangers are working kinda late hours, yeah? Cause that night they came there [recently] was kinda late hours so. Before there was certain time when they goes up. After they go up anybody could come down, anybody could go over there. And we see that thing, but we cannot do nothing. Even I used to talk to Aku about that, but they no more control, you know.

[portion omitted about the Kalapana fishing list]

AH: As long as this lava gonna last, maybe when this lava gonna stop and maybe the beach will come back to natural again, the sand will all erode, eh? Then it'll come back again, natural. Then you'll have the whole beach again. They'll have more area. Right now we just squeezin in, squeezin in, we goin down now, we passin Twenty Minutes already. As I told you, if you have to fish from that pullout number two, back this side, maybe sometime you catch something, you don't catch, you know. But if you go past Twenty Minutes side, you get chance to catch fish at least, but the walking's gonna be more far.

CL: Some people are saying the sand comes as far as that second pullout right now.

AH: Yeah. All that area used to be all good for fishing before, and it's all sand now.

CL: Some people are saying that the fish there are different now.

AH: Well, they got moi, they got 'ō'io and mostly they got to'au and ta'ape. That's the kinda fish. Before over there was all menpachi, 'āweoweo. Choke over there with menpachi.

I don't know, right now I getting old already, so I figure, well, that's it. If I wanta go fishing at a certain time, go spend the weekend, I go inside fish. Otherwise, ah! I go down the market. I think more cheap. But, you know I like my fishing. I'm old but I still can walk. xxx You know, all these young guys they used to stay by Twenty Minutes, they see us going down. Me and my friend _____. Hoh! they see us, when we come back they still up there fishing ulua.