

Sam Kahookaulana--Interview 1, questionnaire on current fishing
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Note: Only portions of the tape-recording are transcribed. The tape was made as an aid to filling out the current fishing questionnaire. Detailed statements which don't entirely fit into the questionnaire have been transcribed.

Tape 1, Side A

talk about family genealogy

CL: Did you know your grandfather?

SK: Yeah, Elia Herman Kahookaulana. He was really nice. I guess I would call him a gentleman. I would rather live with him than my dad. Then until he got sick, then he ended up in the Hilo Life Care Center. So when I was, all the way up to about 10 I think, I used to live down in Kalapana with him. Finally he get sick, so they put him in the care home, and then I go back and live with my dad folks. And then it's like, okay, so on my mom's side, her mom, Margaret, moved from Honolulu back to Pahoia. So I moved with her, to live with her. And then after I graduated I'm outta here, qwooh!

CL: So your granddad, did he h_nai you then?

SK: No, he never. He actually h_nai'd my, his namesake, which is Elia. So Elia ended up with the land down in Kalapana.

CL: YOU just hung out there?

SK: Yeah, pretty much, yeah, hung out and did all the work. (laughs) And then my brother, he was kinda like cruise, cause he was too small, eh? I was like about eight, nine, ten years old, so I could do everything, you know, from cleaning the kerosene lanterns, the kukuihelep_, the aniani, and feed the animals, this and that. And then gotta make hot water. Yup.

CL: So what year were you born Sam?

SK: 1956.

CL: So you didn't get a chance to go to Kalapana school then.

SK: Almost. I had the opportunity. My dad, he was workin at Glover, and then that year that I was supposed to start off kindergarten he says, jump in the car. Okay, jump in the car, he drove down by Kalapana School, and I looked at it. He say, you wanta go to school here? No! And he said, okay. So went back to Pahoa and then he says, okay, you wanta go to school here? Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. Kinda spoiled already, eh? So ended up when I started I started at Pahoa. First they was takin me to school, since I was the oldest, to Pahoa. And then when he pau work, he pick me up and all a that. And finally Kalapana changed, their school closed by then, and then finally was in Pahoa.

Talkin about that I can still remember the grass, the school we used to run and then used to play in the back. Kalapana school, yeah, the watertank and all a that. But I never went there.

CL: It closed pretty soon after you started too I think, yeah?

SK: 61, yeah. I started school already, and right after that it closed.

residence: Now living in Pahoa, since about 1984, after got out of the army. Before that lived in Mokuhulu, just below Aku's place.

(140) current fishing:

Q.2 Where do you fish?

--area of recent flow: not in area from Waha`ula to Kamoamo, because of lava still flowing into the ocean; but from Kamoamo toward Pu`uloa he has;

SK: And then if you go from Waha`ula, then we go towards Kalapana, ever since the lava went over that area, like back in 1990, 91, yeah, we did. Cause what had happened was, if you wanted ulua, right there in Kaimu, and then we going up toward Wills, or Kehena, as the lava going into the water sometimes it's attracting larger fish. The the large fish we was goin after was the ulua, right there where the lava was hitting the water. Wills was good. Guaranteed if you're the first guy there, you're guaranteed catching maybe a 20 pounder, 30 pounder, up to 60 pound ulua. Just fast casting.

CL: Oh, that slide-bait kind.

SK: Yep, not hang. It's like 15, 20 minutes you either get one or two. Guarantee. Right in front of the lava flow. But you have to go through private property to get there. So, I had the opportunity two times, and then that was it. After that, when the lava would stop, then maybe about a month or two, if you go back and go fish em, at night especially, lotsa `u`_ (menpachi), `_weoweo, _holehole, and even moi. As far as the older, like when I was growin up, lotsa hole--hinalea, lotsa p`opa`a. (CL: in that area) In that area. Oh pretty much that whole coast when the lava flow was flowing. And then ever since the lava took it over, not that much. So from Wills comin back to Kaimu, every so often, if the season is right or you're there at the right time. Guarantee, if you wanta eat moi, you gonna catch moi, menpachi, `_weoweo, _holehole, and then sometimes some ulua.

CL: So that's true now too?

SK: Pretty much. But if you go from Wills down to Uncle Willie folks place, then not really. And why? because now a lot of the fisherman's from outside know about it, so they fishin em too, the new flow area. So on our side, inside the park, then it's pretty much still the same. As long as the current is right, you'll do pretty good. Roadside area, like right down at the end of Chain of Craters...

CL: That parking lot where go go out to 20 Minutes from--is that the place you go?

SK: Normally I don't, because everybody go there. Because everybody wanta catch that big ulua. Everybody wanta load up their baskets with menpachi, because of the deep water and alla that. So I normally head out towards Kahue, Kealakomo, that'd be the areas that I fish. If it's for poling.

CL: So you don't go 45, or 20 Minutes.

SK: No, I rarely go. Only unless some friends come over, and I say okay, just a overnite kinda fishing thing. And they wanta because they heard about this place called 20 Minutes in National park. So one of my brothers and I will pick em up and then we go down, and check em out. That I would be poling, `opihi picking would be like Kahue. Catching crab used to be from Ka`ena all the

way to goat corral, `a`ama. And then for like thrownet, for me it's net throwing and ulua fishing, I would go to `Apua. That's only me though. A lot of em they say forget that, the walk is too far. `Opihi normally I would go Kahue--goat corral and back. Not as far as `Apua. Too far. If it's for kaukau alright, [if] I'm already there [for work], make little bit, catch the fish and then haul em out.

CL: And 45 too, you never go to 45?

SK: Depending with whom I go. If it's only myself, I might go. And that would be pretty much maybe early in the morning fishing, yeah? Like going after the papio, papio ulua. (CL: Cause it's easy to) to walk out. What you doin is you get down there early, whip, whip, whip, whip, follow the coastline, and as you casting that coastline is so nice, so big, that you bound to catch somethin.

CL: So it sounds to me Sam like you said your favorite areas was Kahue, `Apua.

SK: Yup. Ka`ena used to be one of my favorite areas before the [1969-74] flow. Cause I used to go down there with my dad, but more so with my tutu-man Elia. I was what, six years old, and then him and I and my cousin Bernice we would walk all the way down there, go fishing just for the day, and then walk back out. And that's where I learned about when you down by the beach, don't hurt your feet. Cause it's a long way back out. I think I was blessed at that age to learn that. Cause after that I hiked that place too, often by myself.

[bit omitted--prior to 1993 when dad's horse died he went by horse some, hiked some]

I used to visit `Apua like once every week, specially back in 1986. Cause I tore my Achilles tendon, so for therapy. And if you catch, catch. If no catch, no catch, just come back out.

CL: The last 2 or 3 years, how often would you say you've gone out there?

SK: I would go out easy about 10, 20 times a year. (CL: Up to about a year ago and then you stopped?) Yeah. See a year ago I started concentrating on huntin pigs. And because of the time spent with the dogs, what had happened was I just took a temporary break. But I've always wanted to go back and fish, but needed to

train the dogs to be the best they can be, yeah?

(1991-93 he was going to 20 Minutes about once a week)

SK: Because the lava was still flowin down by Kamoamo, back and forth, and fish was like, like holehole, moi, menpachi, oh man, they were all over the place. So I was down there once a week, or once every two weeks. And I was fishin with Uncle Edmund Kaawaloa, with his group, and then I had this other friends, Uncle Tony Enriquez. But he would call me up because they knew I was on worker's comp, yeah? I wasn't workin back then. So they would call me up, hey do you have time for we can go fishing? (CL: Were you going for ulua too?) No. But the guys that I was with, they would. Cause I never had the ulua rig, and so we had hoped to catch an ulua. Uncle Edmund he brought his stuff. But while I was fishin with them, we never caught one. But I knew where to catch em, and I can catch em. But I didn't have the rig. (CL: So you were just going for...) menpachi, and then I would have this other heavier pole for moi. So I'll catch, whenever menpachi was running, fish maybe half the night, and then if the moi is biting, then I fish the rest of the nite. We would fish the whole nite, nonstop. Stay up all day, all nite, and then next morning we get all together, and if there's five different families and then we'll split up all the catch among the five different families, yeah? Evenly.

The other thing I noticed too, fishing make then, was before we never had that much perch, or ta`ape. And ever since the lava flow started flowing the way it did, since 1986, you don't catch the po`opa`a. Before that used to be po`opa`a. Then after the lava flow start flowing, then you catch ta`ape. Lots and lots. One of the reason I remember that, is I don't like that fish, as far as eating. Some people they like it, but for me it's really dry, and has a different taste.

But then they say it was brought in during the 50s, so maybe by the time it came over here where the lava is going, Kalapana and all that, it had the time to migrate and populate.

CL: You think it has effect on the other fish?

SK: I think so. Like the table-boss, or we call it `a`awa, there's a yellow one, the purple one. Even the big hinalea, the hou, I don't see that much like I used to see. If you go there, guarantee you catch one, today forget it. All that whole coastline. As you standing on the cliff looking down into the water you can see em swimmin on the bottom. Now you don't even

see em. And before, jeez, like Goat Corral, Kealakomo, you get there. I used to be like the first guy, you know small kid,

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so I grab my pole and bait, hook, and run down by the beach. And set up my rig and throw em in the water. But you don't even need the bait back then. Just a shiny object in the water. Yep. That fish latch on, whoosh, hook up.

CL: You talking about right by the Goat Corral?

SK: Actually, pretty much, where that old house used to be, closer to Kealakomo, yeah? From over there, straight down, pretty much that whole coastline, choke kind fish. And, well, I guess that's what happen with changes. And then a lotta fish today, I guess they go school, yeah? [the got smarter]

(520--Kaheka)

That was my dad's favorite spot. Right there. (CL: I know that place, where he used to go for...) Ulua, right there. Where that little building is at, at the end of the road, straight makai, right there by that point.

(He went there last December for moi, night-time) And it'd be best, like full moon. Full moon, and depending on the tide. The tide should be just about its lowest. So you go up high, down low, yeah, just before it drops.

CL: So is that the kind time you went?

SK: Nah. I was gonna show off, cause I had this woman, this lady I met at the gate, she wanted to go fishing. And make a long story short I forgot the bait. Nothing. About two nites later, I was so disappointed, I had everything already set up, went back down, I caught one. About a pound, two pound moi. But as far as menpachi, like that, it's been a long time since that place had any. But in the past, before the lava came that far, man, that was one of the best places. You get there, you can cast straight out, from the side, Ka`_, Hilo. you just hook em up--menpachi, `_weoweo, `_holehole again. Big ones.

CL: I don't hear too many people talk about going there. It's not that far from the road.

SK: No it's not that far, they don't know. They never knew. And then the parking lot before used to be so far. It's like in between, and because of the park's rules and regulations, you gotta park the car in the parking stall, and then you walk to your fishing spot, see? So, too far to walk. And that's why, that was one of my tutu-man's favorite place for `opihi picking.

CL: You had to go down by rope?

SK: No. Had one crack, and you just climb through the crack. And whenever we would go together, like all of us, they [father and tutu-man] would be specifically goin after the ulua, right there.

But before we have to park way out. And then when they open the road it was easy, we just drive there. But before that we used to walk, yup, long hike. I was small kid. They had the road, yeah, but it wasn't paved yet.

[interruption]

I rarely fish at 45, because again, everybody fish there. Like Earl Leite, and all the other cousins.

CL: That's mainly where you get the moi at Kaheka, yeah? because of the sand coming in.

SK: Yeah, because of the sand.

(640) (1993 last trip by horse, to `Apua w. Alex Harris, Sim Enriquez and Dwight Walker) And we actually did pretty good, got the `opihi, get there early, get off the horse, get our bags, go out there, get the `opihi, come back. Sun is way up so now you clean em up, start poke the `opihi. And then, oh, sun's still up, the fishes you see em in the water, and go thrownet. Get some a that. On these trips we bring the coolers, filled with ice. So ice the fish, take a break, and then get ready for the night, fishing for menpachi. And man, talk about menpachi, that was awesome. Myself alone, I caught about 130. And we fish from 6, and I was back at the camp by 11, cause the bag was too full.

CL: Was that for a party?

SK: No, was just for us. I go home with this cooler, it's like, oh my goodness, what I'm going do with all this fish. So i kept

whatever I wanted, and for the other families, my mom, brothers and sisters, take em, drop em off. Yeah.

CL: Do you ever go for `a`ama in the park?

SK: Oh man, they used to call me `a`ama king. I used to hate it though, because my fingers used to get all bust up. I used to do that, but the last time I went woulda been just before I came back to work, about 1994. I used to go almost every dark nite, that whole Kalapana coast.

CL: So since the flow, where would you go?

SK: I would go like Kahue back to Ka`ena, between that area. Or I'll try my best to go as far as I can towards `Apua. I would set up camp maybe down at Goat Corral, and go as far as I can throw before I reach `Apua. Turn around and come back, and then from there I would go back towards Kealakomo. And then next morning pack em up and go back. But mosta the time I just go straight to Goat Corral, boom, from there have dinner, 7:00 dark, and then start catchin the crab on my way back out.

[portion omitted]

CL: So Sam, you were saying that you go for ulua at `Apua. with slide-bait or...

SK: Hang-bait, the old [type] with the ulua pole, the big stick stickin out, the ropes and all a that.

CL: Do you have a pole down there?

SK: I stash em. I did, I took em down one day back in 1994. Yeah, it hit my head all the way down. Was my brother, myself and my sister's boyfriend, three of us we went down. I told em everything, they couldn't believe we were gonna catchem. Because they never seen em before. So we reached the place, I tell em okay, this is what I gonna do, thrownet, catch the fish, pound some palu, puhi come inside, catch the puhi. They don't know how for catch the puhi. [portion omitted]

7:00, just about getting dark, first strike. Huki, huki, huki, one ulua, maybe about 15, 20 pounds. So they like, ooh, man. About another hour go by, but this time more dark... yankin this bugger up, about 30 pounds. So then send that bait down,

about 10:30 that nite the number third one hit. Boom. Hoh, bra, this one big one, come here I need help again. My youngest brother Allen, he's flippin out by then. [portion omitted] And he cannot even pull that bugger up the hill. That bugger was about 80 pounds, Charles, big monster. So bring em up, put em down, then we bleed em. Cause the trip is a long hike out, maybe three hours going take us. I had that big one.

CL: Sam, I wanta try and figure out where at `Apua you go.

SK: Hey, that's a secret. I don't tell nobody. (CL: Oh, you don't wanta tell me?) I'll draw you a paper.

CL: I know where the old spot used to be.

SK: No more now, too low. That's the place where Uncle Sam folks used to go. My dad folks all on this side, over here [Kalapana side of point, marked on gazetteer map].

Wow, I never know my tutu-man used to go over here, this one here [spot marked west of `Apua]. Because the place that I go is like pretty much the same place. So it's about 10, 15 minutes away from here [`Apua Bay]. I found it where, I was walkin the coast, and says I gotta find one place where I can stick my stick.

And I looked back and I saw, gee that looks like one nice cave. In the new lava, get one cave about that wide, the opening, foot and a half, and it goes way back. The pole is easy 20 feet long.

And I stick em in, the bugger go all the way in past the tip. [portion omitted] This place right here, you bringem, you pound, pound the palu, it's got this big old boulder right below where I hang the puhi there. And the water was down, and the tail wasn't even in the water. He came outta the water, on that rock, and whack. He hungry. But from here [his lae ulua] to here [Apua point], man, I just love this place for ulua, for whipping, casting like that. But from here [Apua point] to Kahue down here, ah, not that good. I tried em a couple times, really tough, but I seen some big uluas over there. But from Goat Corral back towards Ka`ena, we caught plenty menpachi.

CL: So, is there any other place you go for ulua?

SK: For ulua was down at that place, Kaheka, 20 Minutes, and `Apua--that used to be. But the two best places for me would be `Apua and Kaheka, at the end of the road. Even now we can catch em. That's with the hangstick.

CL: 20 Minutes, you can't hangstick there I don't think.

SK: Yeah, can. Get one puka. I even tried em. It was nice. It's not at the point itself, get the point, yeah, Ka`_ side.

CL: It looks like a place where people pound palu there?

SK: Right, that's the one. I wen set my pole up once. But I guess because the ulua is so trained already, smart, and maybe the time I was fishin em wasn't the right time, where that puka is at, that location is not too good, where it's gonna hang down. And so those guys who use the conventional poles, the slide-bait, I would say the big ones came from the Hilo side of that 20 Minute point. But there I remember catching plenty menpachis too, lae, `enenu.

CL: You said lae?

SK: It's a silvery fish, really thin, but really `ono. and then with that fish, they used to use the skin, fillet the fish, keep the skin, they dry em out and then later on they gonna use em for fishing lures.

CL: Cause it's shiny I guess.

SK: Shiny, yep.

Tape 2, Side A

SK: [Talking about catching ulua] I get all excited. And then it's like ooh, I wanta go. But that's the way I used to be. I haven't eaten ulua for quite a while, and it's like okay, I'm gonna go, and I stay there puttin together all the equipment and I'm gone after that. And sure enough, I go down and get em, bring em back. And it's like soup, and fried, and ohh.

diving--last time about 1 1/2 to 2 years ago at Pohoiki Bay, a night dive.

SK: But other than that I used to dive, easy two times a month. In the park there was only one place I dove and that was down at Ka`ena. And this was down in 95, 96. That big old sand that washed up [west of Ka`ena Point]. We actually had wanted to go spearin for lobsters. I remember fishing that place when I was

little, this and that, and remember all this rocks that I wanted to go check. Anyhow we get down there, those rocks is covered. The sand has covered them and now was up on the pali. We don't have to climb down the cliff, we just walk right down on the sand with our gear. We walk right in the water, fish all over the place. And then went after fish, diving. The other place I dove after that was on that trip with Rita and Aku, down at Keauhou, right there inside Keauhou Bay. That would be about 2 years ago.

Anywhere from usin a spear gun, to 3-prong, free dive. As far as scuba diving, the last time I did that was years, way, way back.

CL: Had you gone to Keauhou before that to dive?

SK: No. That was the first time. That was good. That was the first time in a long, long time. The last time I went down to Keauhou was about 1990, somewhere around there.

CL: So not too often you go to Keauhou.

SK: No. And one of the reasons why, is whenever I go to the beach it's pretty much for kaukau. And keauhou is too far. I can go and relax someplace else. If I'm gonna go to Keauhou, it's pretty much the job would send me there.

The same would be for Halap_. I would go there because work sent me, or I'm with a crew on a boat. Or somebody has a horse.

CL: You never went either of those places camping?

SK: By myself kinda stuff, no. I went camping with groups. Either we came in with a boat, or we went down with the horses, or I was sent there because of the work. Like I gotta do the water sample and stuff, then I would camp overnight and the next morning hike out.

(pole-fishing: likes whole area from Kaheka to 45 to 20 Minutes, Ka`ena, Kealakomo, Kahue, all the way to `Apua)

SK: Specifically for moi, if you're goin with the pole, if you know the place, it'd be from Kaheka all the way up to maybe 20 Minutes. With the pole. Thrownet, there's a couple places, Ka`ena there's one, 20 Minutes there's one too you know. Aku wen show you that? (CL: Yeah) Down the bottom side yeah? So you can start em from there all the way to Halap_. Halap_ there's a couple spots, yeah? Along that whole coastline--`Apua, Keauhou

get, Halap_ get that one bay. It's like Halap_ shelter, you go down by the beach, get the campsite, then you go to the left as you go toward Kalapana way. E right there, not too far. Oh man, the moi poho. [looking at map] Oh yeah, should be right about here someplace [marked on gazatteer map just east of Kea`oi]. And then Keauhou one was, going inside the bay... like inside here someplace [marked]. That's the only one I know because that one we caught, and this one here [Halap_] we caught. And then `Apua would be--oh it's up here. So it's gonna be like the whole sandy area here, yeah?, someplace inside here. (CL: Close to the one for the _holehole?) Right. Right inside there [marked just to east of poho _holehole]. And then Kahue, you gotta climb down.

CL: By the old shack, Aku was showing me _holehole hole there.

SK: Okay, the old shack, and then cause the _holehole and the moi pretty much stay in the same place. You get two place over there you can throw. Same place, yeah? would be right over there. Then Kealakomo village, you gotta be there. You on the cliff, you lookin down and its like, right there, you see the moi swimmin on the inside. And then you climb down the cliff and from there you just throw net. Same like Ka`ena, there's one or two on Ka`ena and then one or two at Kealakomo. Takes some time for find em though. You gotta be over there, or you gotta be poundin the `opihi, then you spark em.

You imagine, that was the old waterhole [Ka`ena], covered by lava.

CL: You saw that waterhole?

SK: Yup. We used to go over there, when I was little.

(138, other seafood)

(lobster) SK: Well, we used to scuba. That was way back though, during the 80s. This was off of, between Waha`ula and Kamoamo. You out there with the scuba, no problem, easy. These days, no. I haven't gone lobster fishing for a long time. The other place where I did go way back then was Ka`aha. Down there doing water samples again. From the little lean-to straight down to the beach, right there in that back old lagoon. One time I think I caught nine. Diving.

CL: You ever pick up salt?

SK: Oh no. I helped my dad folks when I was little. But not these days. I don't even see em these days like before. Before you go down Ka`ena you see em, Kealakomo, the old places. Used to have plenty. `Apua. Now its' like---you know, I walk, I walk, I walk, I don't even see em like used to see em before.

No no more nothing. Especially Kealakomo used to have plenty. I remember this one point used to go down like that, kinda lower, and then the waves used to always fill. But this time of the year, no more waves, nice. Really, really hot, and then my dad folks they would go down there. I would be fishing, they go down there, scoop em up. And then soon as pau fish, I go down there, help em out. Then after that we go home. You see all these bags hanging, drip, drip, drip, drip, drip. But now I don't see em. And I still wanta do em, but I haven't. (CL: If you saw it, you'd pick it up.) I'll pick em up. That's the real stuff.
[bit omitted]

CL: What about, do you ever take h`uke`uke when you're out?

SK: I used to. But I'm not too much into eatin h`uke`uke, and making the soup. Ooh, delicious. And big scoop poi. Aah, I pass.

Even `okole, same thing. Oh, man, my mom folks, every time we used to go Kalapana, gotta go pick up that. The big leho shells, gotta pick that. They go home, they cook em up, they eat em. And, oh wow, that's it man, that's `ono delicious. I look at that, What is that? I never really ate it. It was their thing. I only eat fish. I don't eat all that stickers, eh? I had a hard time eating `opihi. And then finally today, now I look forward to eating that, yeah? But other than that, I only enjoy eating fish. That's why my mother say, what kind Hawaiian you?

(purposes) SK: I do only home use. But I did all three though. I haven't been on any major parties, harvesting, you know. I haven't been where I'm catching the fish and taken em to go and sell. But I did em all though. Right after my injury, that was the first time I ever sold fish. So that would be about 92, 93. That's when my uncle follks used to come and pick me up, when I was on worker's camp. I was repelling from the helicopter one day, then my carabiner(?) broke and I fell. And then broke my back. And then I was out. I was totally disabled--from my brains, and my back, and everything else. [bit omitted] Same year getting for the parties, cause they already knew I wasn't working, and I knew the place too. But it really, really hurt

when I was doin em [selling]. I could still feel like, oh my goodness. Even the first time I took the fish, my friend took me, took the cooler, and he said okay, this is your cooler, this is my cooler, we'll just sell the fish. So we house to house. In one hour we sold all the fish. He said, see now, you got the money you can go buy some more fishing stuff. I said, oh, good idea, I never thought about that. So went again. Next time he took me again, sold all the fish. You know, we would put on the side, this one is for me, this one's for mom, this is for aunty, and then the rest all for sell. Boom, sell. And this is only one night's fishing. Fish all night, next morning we ice em down, bag em up, and then we take em soon pau hana, 4:00, that's the time. We go meet the people at their house. (CL: You sold all Paho?)

Paho, Nanawale, all that subdivisions. And then one day, I was getting all my fishing stuff together, and just felt really uncomfortable. I said, jeez, why am I doing this. I don't need to get money, you know inside was really bothering me. So when my friend came I told em, nah, I pass bra. I don't feel comfortable selling the fish. Oh I can sell em for you? Nah. I stopped it, and never went fishin again with that guy. Cause he never could understand. I said we rakin em. I can see if somebody up there starvin. How you say, it seems like we were so selfish. He had a purpose, see. I never had no purpose. He has bills, he wanted to pay this, he wanted to buy that, he wanta get a better thing. He was working, plus this is side money.

(fishing in the park v. elsewhere)

(opihi) SK: Because I was born and raised Kalapana, I only know Kalapana, I would go back into the park. Because that's the water I know. Other than that I'll feel uncomfortable I guess going other places, Kapoho. Kehena, yeah I stay away from that. Wills, no problem, Wills is okay. That's the boundary right there. Because when we was little, small kids, dad and mom used to take us there.

CL: Recently, d'you ever check it out for `opihi in the new flow area?

SK: Recently, new flow area, yeah there's some `opihi comin back. And the only problem is the sand. But it comes back.

CL: But you haven't gone there.

SK: No. I would stay away. Best place now would be from

Kealakomo, Kahue, `Apua.

(thrownet)

SK: If it was before the lava flow took out Kaimu and all a that, it would be Wills, Kaimu, behind the Catholic Church. And that's it. And then special, I would make special trips to `Apua. Today, I would just say thrownet--maybe Kapoho, right there by Vacation Land--but again would be `Apua for me. (CL: D'you ever go to Kapoho these days?) No, I haven't been there since, I think 92. But there's some pretty good net, but then again you gotta go through private property.

(pole-fishing, ulua--only in the park)

(`a`ama)

SK: `A`ama, maybe I might go up to Wills, that pali right there. And then, maybe down by Uncle Willie guys place, that old pali over there in the back there. But my favorite place would be Goat Corral, so that's be in the park.

(diving)

SK: I'm gonna start up again, but in the park, only if we come in by boat alright. But if we come in by land, not the park. I would go, I wouldn't mind going Kohala side. I got a good friend up in, we been diving, like almost every week. I'll get an off day and I'll drive over, sleep at his house, get up early the next morning, go diving. Have lunch and then come home. But in the park, if we've got the horse or we come in by boat, I wouldn't mind dive off `Apua Point, Keauhou, Halap_.

Before the lava went into the water I pretty much dove almost all of Kalapana from Wills, the Kalapana rubbish dump. Somebody would drop us off there, walk down, we would drop inside into the water, and from there we'd dive all the way down to Kaimu. Then we'll come out right there in Kaimu, and we'll party. I dove pretty much that whole coastline up to 20 Minutes, up to Ka`ena. But now all different.

CL: Since the flow, in recent years, why do you go fishing in the park.

SK: One, I guess that's the only place I pretty much know, I really have grown roots from when I was really small.

CL: Is there another reason?

SK: I guess because the national park is preserving that area, and there's no other place like that around. That means guarantee you gonna catch a fish, you can go home with a fish. Almost--the word guarantee is not guaranteed. Cause sometime I went home with nothing.

CL: How important to you is it keeping the special access to the park for Kalapana people?

SK: It's special. Cause it bother's me a lot, and it's so sensitive. Because I know the rules that the park has established--you know 50% Hawaiian, and a resident of Kalapana. And because I been living in Pahoia for all these years, oh man it's tough. [Sam is here referring to the fact that he cannot guide anyone in because he lives outside, he can only fish himself.] So how important is it that we should keep it the way it is? Very important. You know why, it continues to tell us Hawaiians where our roots pretty much was started. And it kinda like help us find ourselves. Are we willing to give this up, or are we willing to move on with life the way it is, do we wanta accept changes? How can you say it... yeah, it's really important to keep it the way it is.

CL: It sounds like you're saying, not just because of the fish.

SK: Right, it's not just because of the fish. It's more than the fish, yup, there's a life-style. How can you explain. I guess everything in the life-style, of the people that was living there, and they've passed it on hoping that we, today, can continue to enjoy what they had, with the times that is changing...

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