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getting their ropes fouled in propellers.' The fishermen have been very helpful to me in my project, in assisting me, and sug? gesting site locations at the start. (Has there been no sense of your being an intruder into their territory?) Not at all, not at all. I couldn't get over it. I held an open meeting intentionally, and I called all the fishermen to the hall in Englishtown, specifically--this was back in the winter months--that I was inter? ested in forming this business, and that there were going to be floating cages, and would they be an obstacle for lobster pots. There wasn't one that had any complaints at all. They suggested where I put them. As they said, "Hell, you're in it to make a living just as we are. You've got just as much right to part of the water as we do." This was their attitude, and that's great. Because there have been places else? where where there has been a conflict situ? ation, where fishermen have reacted in a much more vengeful manner towards fish? farming enterprises. Probably just lack of communication at the start. I'm 34. Bom in Ashbourne, a small agricul? tural village in the Midlands, in Derby? shire County (England). My father was in the military, between Canada and the U. S. He was in the Royal Navy, and he switched to the Canadian Navy. Before I was even 5 years old, I'd come across the Atlantic 5 times by ship. It was just circumstance that I was bom in England, really. I could have been bom in British Columbia, bom in Halifax. My father's father was a Canadian citizen. I went to boarding school in England a couple of places, and then I came to Cana? da, and most of my education took place in the Maritimes, really, a number of differ? ent places. Then I went to high school in Ottawa for 3 years. And I went to univer? sity in Halifax, Dalhousie. I had strong biological interests. Coming from a marine background--our families on my father's side were all sea captains, go? ing away back. I think I had biological in? clinations probably from my mother's side. So I think I combine the two of them. And through my days as a student, I worked in the Oceanographic Institute at Bedford for a couple of years. That really spurred my interest. I took marine biology. I graduated and took a year to travel. Ac? tually, my intent was to cycle to Austral? ia from London, England--that's what I wanted to do--and I didn't get all the way. I bought a bicycle in London and I cycled up through Holland and Belgium and France and along the coast, Italy. And my bike was stolen in northern Italy. So I decided I had to sort of change my plans--had no bicycle! Hitchhiked into the Alps and Switzerland, Germany, and whatnot. Found it a bit expensive in there--my resources were running low--so I decided I'd try and head for Israel. My brother had already worked in a kibbutz about 2 or 3 years be? fore me, and I thought I'd head for that. I thought maybe I could earn a little mon? ey, maybe enough to carry me through to Australia. So I got to Israel, just hitched over, through Greece and whatnot. Stayed there for 6 months. And there was a fish farm on

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