

Interview #3 with Aku Hauanio at Mokuhulu on 1/17/99

CL: Aku, I wanted to ask you what year you were born.

AH: May 20, 1952.

CL: I was trying to figure out, when do you think you first went into the Park to go fishing and how?

AH: You mean where in the Park?

CL: Well, anywhere.

AH: Well the first time was when I was with my dad when we went down Halape. This was like the first time into the Park because the road was closed out this side. The only place was coming from the kind.

CL: That was during the Mauna Ulu flow.

AH: No, no. Was way before that. Yeah on the video get that one picture when my dad was going down the pali on the animal. Was almost like around that time. Almost like around, I don't know. My brother he remember those days. I think I was only about, not even ten years old I think or eleven years old. I was pretty young when I went down with him. That's when we was just fishing over there, throwing net and stuff like that around in that area.

CL: So that was before the road was built. Not too long before maybe.

AH: Cause when was the road built anyway?

CL: About '64 I think. So you went down from Park headquarters?

AH: From Kipuka N_n_ we went down.

CL: Just to Halape?

AH: Yeah just to Halape. We went down through the old trail going down Makahānau. Now they closed that trail so no more that trail already on top. So nobody use that trail anymore. You gotta come from Mau Loa o Mauna Ulu go down across. But I remember going down there, big pali. Makahānau.

CL: So there's another photo of you. But that's a little bit later. I think you were fifteen then. The photo of you on a horse and somebody else on a horse, maybe your brother.

AH: Where was this at?

CL: Well I don't know. I thought you said it was Keauhou.

AH: I don't know.

CL: Maybe that's that same trip.

AH: Maybe it is.

CL: You look older then. You look more like you're fifteen maybe.

AH: What kind horses was? Color.

CL: Oh, brown.

AH: Is one brown one and the other is what?

CL: I cannot remember.

AH: Cause one trip we went on my brother was riding one red and white one and I was riding one like dark color one, almost like dark brown, real dark brown.

CL: Could be.

AH: And my dad was riding one black one.

CL: I have to show you the horses. I'll have to show you the pictures. I still got those pictures I need to bring back to you anyway. Too bad I didn't bring em.

AH: But that was the first trip for me fishing inside the Park.

CL: And then after that?

AH: After that was like just, you know, when the road opened up and I was hiking in like that. Like Ka`ili`ili in the back Ka`ili`ili when the road was being built, you know fishing in the back by Ka`ili`ili and all along the coast line, `Apua, Kahue.

CL: Okay. And after the road was built you went in, you walked into Apua or you took horses or what?

AH: Was mostly walk in, hiking.

CL: And then I know, what year you were pounding opihi?

AH: I was, yeah was like maybe when I was going school like teenage already was, I was pounding opihi, teenager already I was.

CL: Okay. For sale?

AH: No, no. That was just like for home use kind. But for sell

kind was when I was going to graduate already was for sell.

CL: Like between what years? Do you remember?

AH: Maybe in the '70s like that. Like maybe '73 like that, '74, '75. Like the middle '70's on to the '80's like that.

CL: Yeah, and you started working for the Park when?

AH: 1986.

CL: Let's see, what else. So you think the first time you walked out to Apua, like that, must have been before the Maunu Ulu flow.

AH: No, it was after. Yeah was after because I remember my dad going out there and making the trail when the flow was coming. He had to redo the trails. Yeah was after the kind. Cause the Maunu Ulu was what?

CL: Started '69. Probably cut the trail first '69.

AH: Yeah, was after that. Before that was all out this side only, Lae`apuki side like that. Cause my dad, you know the `opihi was still plenty eh over that side because the road wasn't open yet. But then as soon as the road got opened already then people started going inside pounding and then after that we had to go more inside just to get more down there. And that's where had more opihi. So that's how was. Cause not only us was pounding because had the Pavao's and see the old man Pavao used to pound too but only he had to go with the kids. So the kids used to take him. And my brother used to go pound too and the Kauhi's, they used to go. Kahilihiwa's.

CL: So you ever saw Ka`ena before it was covered?

HA: Ka`ena? Ka`ena.

CL: They say had a water hole there before.

AH: No, I don't think so. Even Kahue one too I think had water hole too I think some place too they said. But I don't remember that.

CL: Yeah, and Kealakomo, you must not have seen that place either.

AH: No.

CL: Okay, let's stop for a bit.

So actually I wanted to ask you if you can [locate], you were talking about a moi hole that came before Twenty Minutes.

AH: More or less kind?

CL: Yeah, sort of guess where it is on the map. This is Twenty Minutes. I guess Twenty Minutes doesn't show very well on the map, that's the problem. Twenty Minutes was not there.

AH: So we just like that yeah.

CL: Is it real close?

AH: To Twenty Minutes?

CL: Yeah.

AH: Was it half way between Twenty Minutes and the road?

CL: Oh, about half way. So it's right on the line [between the two USGS quads]. Like about there? [marked on USGS quad] Okay, good. These [marks] are not that accurate anyway. So, the other thing I wanted to ask you was, can you show me where High Castle was?

AH: Stood yeah? Oh you mean on the map?

CL: Yeah. Is it still there?

AH: Yeah. I just went fly over there last week, last week Thursday.

CL: I thought it was covered by the lava flow.

AH: No. It's still there.

CL: We didn't see it when we went up though.

AH: When?

CL: When we went.

AH: We never walk over there that's why. You know where the end of the road stay now? Stay way on this side of High Castle. The lava, where the road stay now, where the house stay. Yeah, High Castle stay way all inside yet.

CL: Oh, but it's not covered.

AH: No.

CL: Oh I see. I thought everything was covered over that side. I never went over there.

AH: No, get one short piece road maybe from here to the trees

way out in there. And the castle, the rock wall, the castle, still there, everything still there.

CL: Can you walk over that lava flow?

AH: Yeah. I thought was covered too but the last time I went I remember that spot was when the lava was coming. We went pull the house down where it is now. And I thought the lava went cover over there but then, last week Thursday they wanted me to take this sign for the tourist for put em out there and I went fly out there with David and I was like, whoa, the road still there. So I go, hey just land me on the road right there. So he land me on the road and then he came back this side and pick up one big sign and I just went nail em right down on the road right there. Just the one the people when they go on the bench and stuff like that, one big yellow sign. So I went put em all right there and had all High Castle thing right there and he flew me back to the lava flow and we then we just was putting signs all around the plume right there so people don't drop down on the bench. But was still there the High Castle.

CL: So whereabouts do you think it is? I think the flow is right about like in here now.

AH: What is that?

CL: Well, they call that Kalae`apuki but the village site was over here with the walls. And I think the coconut grove your dad planted is about here. That lava flow is like in here.

AH: Where the house stay now?

CL: Yeah, where the house is now.

AH: Yeah, I know the water came close to Lae`apuki like right around in there someplace. Right in that slot right there I think Lae`apuki is. The High Castle I mean. Then we went over there where the thing came close to the road. Cause from here had the parking lot that lead down to Lae`apuki. Yeah right about there [marked on USGS map--between current flow front and Lae`apuki village].

CL: Oh they had places where you could park?

AH: Yeah, you know this one was the parking lot at High Castle but then you could drive over here and had one that went down to Lae`apuki.

CL: Yeah, right. So besides your uncle Gilbert, do you think anybody else used it for lae ulua?

AH: High Castle?

CL: Yeah.

AH: Not that I know. I know Uncle Edmund only used to pound `opihi and stuff over there but that's about it.

CL: And some people say Castle Rock? and other people say High Castle.

AH: I guess cause the rock look like one castle. But then, high, because that thing was like the highest one over there was that place right there. So that's why we end up calling em High Castle.

CL: Funny how the names change.

AH: Castle Rock. Yeah I guess if you only looking them from the road, I guess then you would, if you wasn't one fisherman or anything, you would call em Castle Rock because the thing look like one castle over there but if you fishing every time and you go pound or something, you always go down there, I mean all the rest of the coastline is not as high as that area right there. So that's why the place went get it's name, High Castle.

CL: So when he used to go pound `opihi there, he let himself down with a rope?

AH: Yeah.

CL: And did he tie it on to something?

AH: Yeah, on the rock. Or somebody would hold em, something like that. Yeah, was a long rope.

CL: How old do you suppose he was then? Not too young any more eh?

AH: No, he was still whamming em. When he was in the, let me see, he's 81 now, 82 maybe now. I think when he was in his 60's he was going down you know. Yeah, cause that was his favorite spot, was over there. Cause everytime he would drop down underneath there and underneath is kinda like far you can walk under there. But once you drop down inside there, man, you had one big area for pound.

CL: And probably nobody goes there much.

AH: Only him and the kids used to go there.

CL: Well Mabel went there?

AH: No not Mabel, like Ipo and you know some of the other brothers. But that's why they used to blow their mind because the

father used to go down, all the way down there. I was like, he crazy.

CL: Now I know why you were telling me about him going down there. So, the other thing, can you show me where the Kamoamo canoe ladder used to be? You folks replaced it I know but

AH: Kamoamo. That's the sea arch right there. That's the sea arch yeah?

CL: I guess. I mean the heiau is like there I think and there was a wall that went up yeah, and then the camp ground is here.

AH: Yeah, I think was right on this one point, this point right here.

CL: THis point here?

AH: No, no. That's water eh, this white thing?

CL: No, that's part of the coast. It's not water till it's blue. It's just that there's no vegetation. That's why they made it white.

AH: Oh I see. Kamamo. What is this word?

CL: Site.

AH: I remember it was right in the corner right here somewhere.

CL: Was it close to the heiau?

AH: The ladder? You talking about the canoe ladder right? Yeah. Was right here somewhere. I don't know which side of this point would be. See that one point coming out right here. See had one water inlet in there. You remember the water used to go inside eh.

CL: I never saw it.

AH: You never see Kamoamo?

CL: Well I saw Kamoamo but I never saw

AH: The inlet that went in.

CL: Yeah I didn't look. You know maybe I did but I didn't know it as ?

AH: Cause I remember had one inlet and that's why I was wondering where that inlet stay over here because that inlet, the ladder was right on the left side of the inlet.

CL: Was it right in front of the heiau, if you walked out from the heiau?

AH: Which heiau are you talking about?

CL: That Moa heiau.

AH: Oh the Moa heiau was behind from the beach.

CL: Yeah, right. But if you were at the heiau and you went straight toward the water, were you about where the canoe landing was?

AH: No. You come Ka'u side.

CL: Ka'u side, okay. Cause the Moa heiau is here. So you got this point and then you got this point so maybe over on this one.

AH: Yeah. What is this here, this inlet?

CL: Yeah there's another one up there.

AH: Tell em down here we taping.

CL: Must be this one I think.

AH: Funny though, no more the inlet though. I mean the inlet should have been there.

CL: You don't think this is an inlet, here. You gotta look close.

AH: I know. But how come no more grass over here was all pāhoehoe. And that's what I thought that white thing was all the pāhoehoe.

CL: Yeah it is I think. Yeah. There's some kind of a, like a track maybe here. I know that there was a, you could go around and there was coconuts inside yeah. Like maybe there. Remember that? Was close to that?

AH: Yeah.

CL: Okay, must be there.

AH: Right in the corner right there. Okay. All that time.

CL: If I'd done it years ago it would have been so easy. We could just go look. Okay, so you went out in the Park area to throw net before that earthquake, that '75 earthquake right Aku, when it sunk? And then you went after too.

AH: Yeah. You mean right after it went sink?

CL: Well, some time after. Did you ever go to Keauhou before it sank?

AH: Oh not that far. No we didn't go that far. Everything was like all out here.

CL: Never had occasion?

AH: No, no sense walk all the way in there when you can just go right over here and everything was right here.

CL: You weren't working at the Park yet so you didn't go out there.

AH: No, but I used to go by boat though. You know I never walk across the land but I used to go by boat. But let me see, yeah, I used to go by boat. Not walk on the land though but by boat only. I used to go down that way and pound `opihi. But not walking on the land.

CL: But not throw net.

AH: No.

CL: What about Halape?

AH: Halape, I went that one time with my father and then just by boat too. But you not throw net, knowing all the spots and all that.

CL: I think you told me about that place where you used to get the `enenu yeah?

AH: Yeah, my father.

CL: So you did that that one time.

AH: Yeah, the one we went go throw night time, when the moon was like over there, like right in that area. And me, him and my brother went and that's when they went throw the net.

CL: Cause everybody talks about that spot. Gilbert talked about it and I think John Kaiwe, he talked about it too.

AH: Yeah, that was a spot.

CL: But there's no place now eh?

AH: No. I mean he get place for throw like that but not like the old days.

CL: So, do you throw net at Halape?

AH: Now? yeah.

CL: Okay, so there's some places.

AH: Yeah, just moi here and there. But mostly like nenuue and stuff like that you catch now. You know like the other day, I went and stuff like that, couple of times. But I know get moi holes down there. But you just gotta get em the right time yeah.

CL: So moi holes. But you didn't find a place for the nenuue?

AH: No not that one, not down in that spot. Deep that's why the water over there now. Before was shallow yeah.

CL: There's no special place for nenuue now.

AH: No.

CL: You went for āholehole there?

AH: Down that side, no. I see em around though but you know I never find like one designated spot where you can so there every time and boom [catch fish].

CL: Did you look around pretty much at Halape?

AH: Yeah. I see the aholehole way outside like on the boulders way outside but I never did go out there and throw em in. Was like, aw I get my own holes over there back that side and I just figure plenty guys go over there too yeah so they kinda like, the fish all ahiu yeah over there. So that's why I just take my net and whatever I get, you know, that's what I get. It's not like, oh yeah, guarentee I go there I going catch moi or aholehole or something like that yeah. But Apua, yeah. Kahue.

CL: And how about Keauhou these days? You know Kaipo was talking about how there used to be five or six moi holes at Keauhou before it sunk. How about these days, do you ever try throw net there?

AH: Yeah, I caught couple moi. Like two spots down at Keauhou.

CL: I can't remember if we, when we were there for the filming, did we, did you throw net there? I don't think so.

AH: No just for make bait only was.

CL: Because I remember we went over to Apua to catch puhi and I think you threw net there.

AH: Yeah, when we went over with the horse yeah. Was it the time we initiated Rita's net? No, no it was one other time.

CL: So a couple of moi holes you know about there.

AH: In Keauhou. Two moi holes about at Keauhou.

CL: Did you see the hihiwai there?

AH: The hihiwai, the limu? Oh the opihi.

CL: Well it's a little different yeah.

AH: That's the one in the brackish water one yeah.

CL: Yeah right.

AH: Yeah, I think that's the one Rita was telling me about.

CL: Keola was showing me. But you weren't there when she was showed me.

AH: Yeah, I remember Rita was telling me about em, the hihiwai over there in the, yeah I think I seen em over there.

CL: Yeah it's the brackish

AH: Yeah the one in the corner yeah. That's the one.

CL: Was it known for hihiwai before?

AH: Down here this side, down here?

CL: Yeah, Keauhou.

AH: I would think so. You know why, because the water would have been higher, I mean was way out then. So in there would have been like less salt water in there.

CL: But you never heard any ? saw it before.

AH: No, only when they went tell me about em. I just thought it was like another opihi or something but never think of this hihiwai or

CL: Well I didn't know, I had no idea. Keola is the one who knew. Maybe she saw it in Kona probably.

AH: Who was telling me about hihiwai? I know Rita was telling me when she was telling me about the brackish water opihi and I knew I knew I heard of the name hihiwai. Until she was telling me about that one over there to at Keauhou. And I was like, wow, I

just thought it was just another salt water opihi. Cause I figure the salt water come way up inside there but that's why I thought was just was regular salt water opihi. But I guess it was the hihiwai.

CL: So must not be too common along this coast.

AH: Nah because where get brackish water? I know Apua get brackish water, Keauhou get brackish water, Halape get brackish water but I never see hihiwai at Halape either. So I figure if Halape would have hihiwai, would be up inside the crack yeah. There where the brackish water would be.

CL: Maybe it needs just the right amount of salt and fresh or something. Yeah, and then the other thing I was going to ask you, did you go to Kalue and Kakiiwai before it sunk, ever? Do you remember?

AH: Kalue and Kakiiwai. Yeah, by boat. In '75 it went sink. Oh no, no, it was after. Yeah was after. But still had plenty fish though over there.

CL: Did you go for throw net?

AH: Yeah. [Kakiiwai] Mean was. Aholehole was like all on the sand. First time I see all the aholehole on the sand like that. Was like just plenty fish, aholehole and moi. Was just like rubbish over there.

CL: Is it still like that?

AH: I don't know. I never did go back over there. Yeah, the only time I would go Kakiiwai would like be with the boat yeah, easy eh. But if you come by land you gotta walk way up there in the corner yeah. I remember one time I went after the boat, I went fly down inside there but the fish wasn't like the old days. Like after the earthquake, wasn't like that. Was just no more fish when I went. When I went down with the helicopter was like that.

CL: So the first time you went it was right after the earthquake?

AH: No right after but maybe yeah.

CL: Couple months?

AH: Umhum.

CL: And then what about Kalue?

AH: Kalue, Ka'aha, yeah just for pound only. Yeah I never knew the moi spots and stuff like that but I just kinda like heard

from, like my cousin he go, he go throw, he tell me, then he start telling me about the different spots yeah. And then Pancho [Kahilihiwa], he used to tell me when I was working for the Park but then was, I never know any holes over there. Was strictly just down there go pound yeah.

CL: So which cousin are you talking about?

AH: Darrell, Kealoha. You know Darrell eh?

CL: I don't think I know which, is that?

AH: He work down the airport, ___ fire. Two brothers work down there, him and the other brother.

CL: Whose son?

AH: Uncle Isaiah?

CL: Isaiah's son.

AH: Yeah. He used to stay down here before everytime, down the house, auntie Helen's house. He used to have one brown, black and white pit bull always cruise around with him. He used to walk up and down the road like that. He always had that dog and he was the only one usually staying down there most of the time. Everybody would come weekends but he would be staying all the week down there.

CL: I knew somebody stayed there but I didn't know who.

AH: That was his name, Darrell. And every once in awhile he come back down and stay.

CL: You know when we were at Kaaha? Then we went down to that kind of baylike place where we caught the puhi?

AH: Oh yeah, on the left side.

CL: Yeah. Was there, did you throw net down there? I can't remember.

AH: Umhum.

CL: Was it good, a good spot or not?

AH: Oh yeah, good spot too down there. But you just gotta know where the fish stay and certain time the water come rough like that. It seems like if found one hole over here when you go down there when the water stay real rough, the fish no stay over there, he stay like way inside here someplace. They move yeah.

CL: That was the first time you ever threw down there?

AH: No, no wasn't that time. Before that I threw couple times.

CL: Oh same place?

AH: Yeah.

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AH: You go over there get the big rock over there, get moi hole like that. But usually was only blind throw if anything. I think you really catch you go, oh eh. But I know that one on the left side, I seen the moi inside there. Get that one big rock over there and that's how everytime I go there I throw it over there and everytime I catch moi and āholehole over there. But get plenty more other spots down there that get āholehole and moi. It's just you got to go over look.

CL: Yeah right. Who was that? Oh Robert and Gilbert were talking about throw net down there but I think it was before it sunk.

AH: Yeah. And my father same thing too. He knew all the moi holes, all along that coast before went sink. But after sink it's different already. All the holes that was shallow now is real deep. So the fish they gotta move in because of the ulua and stuff that come and feed on em so they gotta find one new whole coast, the in doors so they don't get taken by the ulua. That's what I notice about Halape like that, get plenty ulua down there so they come, they only feed on the white fish eh. So like aholehole, the 'ū'ū like that, get choke 'ū'ū. So that's why the ulua just kind of just like cruise up and down the coast over there and just checking out for the white fish.

CL: No more lae ulua at Halape?

AH: Halape, all low the grounds over there. But I was looking this past week when I went. Look like up on the point on the left side, look like can make one up there, one lae up there. Cause we was walking up there, my friend say, yeah up there, I think up there got some `opihi so we went walk up there and look in some place. Hey, this place nice for hang. So I wouldn't mind hanging down there too. Just gotta throw the stick in the water and see what the current does. So I figure this week I go down. I was just going the kind. You know, if we playing this week I can just go pound or something and just take my ma'a line or something, try em out.

CL: Yeah. What about `Opihinehe? Did you ever do anything there?

AH: Opihinehe. Never came in by boat but only when I started

working for the Park. I used to go down there and plenty opihi. That's why they call em Opihinehe cause the `opihis always there, plenty. And throw net, before was just like blind throw too but I ended up finding the moi hole too. One moi hole over there. Plenty moi. Cause I guess nobody go throw net over there.

CL: Yeah that place too John Kaiewe was saying they used to cross net there.

AH: Oh yeah? For what?

CL: It used to be a good place to cross net. He didn't say for what, he just said... I didn't ask him for what.

AH: For when the water nice or

CL: Yeah I guess it was just a really shallow place that was good for cross net.

AH: Cause I know get one place on the Ka'u side get one like one inlet that come in like this. And down there look like it would be a good place for cross net.

CL: But I think he was talking before it sunk.

AH: Oh before went sink.

CL: I'm not sure. Maybe after.

AH: Yeah because if before went sink wouldn't have water way up there. Cause over there is another brackish water too over there. Plenty brackish water. That's why couple times I took my lobster net and set em and no more lobster because of the brackish water. I was just wondering and I was talking to my cousin and he said, aw yeah, too much brackish water over there. But had moi.

CL: So Aku, is it legal to do cross net in the Park?

AH: Yeah because it's not in the Park.

CL: As long as you're outside the Park.

AH: Because if you cross the net it's in the state grounds. Cause below the high water yeah. So you just gotta go with the regular state law. You know you gotta check em every three hours, or four hours.

CL: Okay, as long as you're coming by boat it's no problem.

AH: No you can go from the land too. But I was reading. The kind [compendium] says transporting of net

CL: That's why I wondered. They say you can take, you can carry throw net but only throw net I think.

AH: Well I don't know if the law was just for, but I was reading that in the compendium it said about cross net and stuff and I brought that up to Rita guys and they just said, that's all right because you know putting the net on the...

CL: In the water, not the Park property.

AH: Yeah, it's all in the State. Read that transporting. They were transporting but I think they having hard time to decide what they going to do about that. I mean lobster net is the same thing, that's cross net. But I keep bringing em up to them, they never say nothing. It's just the thing, because the compendium says that transporting but she never say nothing. Because couple of times I took my cross net to Apua and just cross em paipai and coming out. I just gotta see what they say about that again.

CL: Well I'm gonna ask too cause it should be, if it's okay than they ought to change the compendium. So I got another question and that's I don't really understand how they do slide-baiting and I think I need to describe it.

AH: Oh the kind regular fishing pole slide-bait?

CL: Yeah. You use a pole, do you cast it out?

AH: You put like a lead. You can use anything. I use stones. If I go down there I no more lead, I just use a stone and I just get my regular main line, put one stopper on em. You know, those round stoppers, with one swivel on the end, and just put like the lead line over here, one weaker line compared to yours and then you put one lead over there with the wire or one rock and you just fly em out. And then once you get em out there, they you send your slider down, with the hook on em. Then the slider weaves in to your main line. Then when you slide em down the thing slide down and he reach to the stopper and he go, urk. He stops right there. Then the fish just swimming around over here or can be akule or whatever but that's all.

CL: So it's a separate line.

AH: The bait.

CL: And it slides down the main line. Yeah, it sounds weird.

AH: But it works though.

CL: Yeah, it seems like it wouldn't slide I guess is the thing.

AH: Yeah but that's why you get the stopper yeah, down at the

end with the swivel. Cause the swivel stay up here and you just hook the other line to em so when the fish bite this one, boom, this one here going stop em from sliding out of the main line yeah so the thing can spin all he like, over here the fish and the swivel right here the, before the stopper, the thing going give yeah. So the fish can spin all he like over here but he going bust this other line, this bottom line, the one holding him down, going snap that so he going be running around. He can turn all he like but the bugga no going tangle cause he stay on the stopper yeah. So I just was doing that this week down Halape too. I miss one ulua.

CL: I guess I should look at the rig sometime, yeah.

AH: I think I get one rigging right out there.

CL: You do? Maybe let's go look at it.

AH: Mahea, try go out there in Daddy's red bag, on top the kind out there, the counter. Outside there get one hook, one big hood with the slider. Try bring em.
...this past week, down there, at Halape, so I brought my fishing pole and everything. So I had my fishing pole out with akule. I went put akule on my line, I went slide down. But then when I catch these nenu was so white the nenu, so I went bring em up and hook em, live bait em, pull my line in, take my akule off, throw em back out again, slide em, and one ulua came. Bang em but he went miss em, the fish must have run away and the thing only went only hemo the scales of the nenu but never had teeth mark where he went shred em where he just went, like he hit the nenu and one side of the nenu never had scales where he went hit em. But this what we was using. This what I was using. See this hook this one one the main line? You just weave em on the main line. So then he drop into this ring here and then the pole stay up in the air like that so he let go this he go rooo, he slide right down into the ocean. And then if you get one live bait, the thing just swim around, the fish just swim all around. But that's what you do.

CL: So then and then you got your stopper and then it stops at your stopper and below that you got your lead. Okay.

AH: Yeah, the stopper is just like this here. The only thing, bigger, where this thing slide down to em, just stop em right there.

CL: So that stopper, do you have to tie your line to both sides of the stopper?

AH: No, only one side. Yeah but the lead line gonna, the lead line gotta tie to the other side of the stopper.

CL: Okay, I got it. So you can use any kind of thing for bait, various things.

AH: Yeah you can use anything, eel, the squid, lobster, you can use anything. I hear lobster's good too for bait.

CL: Kind of a waste of lobsters.

AH: I know. Maybe the baby ones or something. One baby one, you catch one small one, you hook em on. But they say they hook one live one on somehow, cause the thing, he move. The thing move in the water so ho, the fish, the ulua see that man, they go crazy. And more worse, the thing make noise too yeah the lobster. They go eee, eee, eee. That's the kind noise they make the lobster. Like they scared, so like they say when, I guess when the fish they get scared they make noise, the ulua he attack em more fast.
CL: So you know that place, Twenty Minutes, with that crater, is there any other place like that, or used to be that's really yeah where lots of people go for poling?

AH: I know Hakuma, remember Hakuma? Yeah right outside Hakuma had one crater too over there.

CL: Oh yeah? And was it a really good place? A lot of people went for ulua there, at Hakuma.

AH: But see my grandfather had his one way on this side of Hakuma yeah. And as the current went down toward that way the fish would come up, on the Hilo side of Hakuma. That's where my grandfather had one spot, right there by the, had the pine tree under the hill over there. Right there. I mean that's the same spot now but high yeah the pali over there.

CL: I think lots of people went to that spot.

AH: Yeah, Uncle Herbert, Bill Pele, Kini Aki, yeah was all them, all my grandfather guys. And I think even Herbert guys too, the brother guys I think was.

CL: Oh his brother, his older brother.

AH: I forget his name. John, yeah, Hama yeah they used to call em. Hama, yeah. But they had one other brother too I think. I forget what the other brother's name. Not Edward. Had one other brother with a Hawaiian name. Forget. He used to hang around with my grandfather and my father guys and they was around the same age or something. And he used to hang around with my father everytime but I remember my father mentioning the guys name too. And they all used to be into ulua fishing. But they used to go over there. Well I know before when we used to dive over there, oh the ulua used to, we used to see the ulua, they used to all go down in the crater everytime. That's how we know over there get

mean the fish. Yeah that's the only one was over there, Twenty Minutes and that one over there was the only two craters I knew, on this coastline anyway.

CL: So there's no other place that's special like that for pole fishing eh?

AH: Not that I know.

CL: What do you think, is there any kind of main fish that people would go for at those places?

AH: You mean the human?

CL: At Twenty Minutes. Do people just go for anything they can get or do they go for a special kind of fish.

AH: Over there it's strickly ulua eh they like. But too menpachi like that.

CL: Yeah, at Twenty Minutes.

AH: Yeah, menpachi. Oh you know sometime you go certain night you no catch menpachi but you catch nenu or bogot and stuff like that. Some people, they throw em back in the water.

CL: So what they're going for is menpachi.

AH: Yeah, and ulua. Yeah that's what they do. They usually do one dunk and slider and then one other pole on the side just whipping eh. That's what a lot of the people do nowadays is one whipping pole and one dunking pole.

CL: Cause I think I heard people talk about times when the fish are running. That's menpachi that are running eh.

AH: And ulua and nenu. Nenu too. Yeah, sometime when the nenu season, oh man you just use the bread, going. Or limu, if you use limu too, yeah or the bread, the bread with tuna or water. You just mix em and make em hard, make like one dough you hook em on. But yeah, when the nenu run over there too, he bite like hell.

CL: Is that summer?

AH: Yeah, I think was summer, like almost the ending of summer I think because I remember this is not too long ago, was like almost the ending of summer. Somebody was saying they was throwing the stick in the water and the nenu was coming up for bite em. Just throwing the stick in the water, the thing was coming. They thought was bait. But you know everytime that I went Twenty Minute, I never take nothing. I just went down there to check the place, you know pick up rubbish and stuff and I would

just hang out, look in the water. Oh I would see one ulua coming, swimming by. It seems like all the time that I went down there, I just hang out for half an hour like that. I would see one cruising by like that and then sometimes like that, the thing wouldn't bite the slide bait but the thing would bite the lures. And sometime it's the opposite way around. Sometimes he no even bite the lures, he bite the slide bait and then sometime they no even bite nothing, no matter how much you try. So that's why I wanted to go try the hang stick over there and see. Cause I know there was kala inside there. You know, just for try em out.

CL: We saw a place that you might be able to stick the stick yeah?

AH: Yeah, kinda far back though but that's all right, the stick long so he just can go. All gotta do is put one rock on the outside just to make the thing go up like that yeah. That's all.

CL: The other thing is some people are talking, I heard some people talk, I don't think I asked you about when the lava flow, when the lava's flowing you get this sand. What kind of effects do you think that has, that sand?

AH: Do you mean to the fish? Gee I don't know. Our side was pretty wild, over here when the lava first came this side. You know the fish was wild. So I figured the National Park one would be the same way. So I went over there and do the same thing I was doing on this side and that side was like dead, nothing would bite. But this side was like, they was going crazy the fish.

CL: And then what about, like Ben was saying that some, this one lae ulua he used to use, he said the water looked dirty from the sand and he didn't think the ulua would bite because the water looked dirty. What do you think about that?

AH: Gee, I don't know. But you look the ulua, they come all over there when the water dirty and all. You just gotta try em.

CL: He wasn't sure. He didn't try it.

AH: No, he was just saying that the water looked dirty yeah in there. But it's just dirty because you no can see the fish. If you pound palu over there and the current's good, guarentee he would come. But you not going be able see the fish coming and grabbing em. All you going see is the pole going down and that's all. Plus you going feel em anyway on the bait too you know but not being able to see how big. But I thing the thing would still come. I would think. I don't know.

CL: You haven't noticed and decline in fish or opihi or anything close to the flow area.

AH: Oh this side get plenty `opihi, over here on this side of the flow. Where we make all the new land and stuff like that. Although the water dirty and stuff over there but had plenty `opihi. Was known in the come back was pretty good.

CL: Cause one guy was telling me that the sand was reducing the number of `opihi.

AH: Yeah, it did but not, you know when the sand first came up like that, and had `opihi on the ground like that, the `opihi were all dropped. But then after that, the `opihi would regrow back again. And that's what happened.

CL: After the sand's gone.

AH: After the sand's gone yeah. But you know when the sand first came. Yeah, but then the `opihi come back. That's where all along this side had, yeah, down where, by Waha`ula and had all sands and never had `opihi. But then after that, the sand went disappear, the `opihi came back. I don't know how.

CL: They must swim through the water or something I guess.

AH: Yeah because it's all brand new rocks over there. And they say the `opihi come from the big ko`ele ones. It's like, you no even see em though. I mean the whole water and all was all sand and the hot lava and everything so how these opihi ending up over there all of a sudden. You know from nowhere. You can hear that?

CL: So how much have you checked out the new flow area like Waha`ula and Kamoamoia that area?

AH: I never check Kamoamoia but just this side, Waha`ula side I went check. But Kamoamoia side I never check. I just figured sooner or later the lava going be back down in that same area again. You know it's moving back that way again yeah. So no sense you check because sooner or later the lave going be back over there again.

CL: Waha`ula side is okay?

AH: It's hard to say.

CL: So you looked, you checked it out for `opihi? Did you ever try looking for places to throw net in there?

AH: I was going last week but the water went shake. Yeah the water went change. But I know get holes inside there. All you gotta do is just look when the water real nice, you just walk along the coast and you just look down. Get some places with `ili`ili rocks. Here and there get I notice and that's the kind place the moi like hang out. Just like the pali one, same thing.

It would be just like that. The moi would just come and find one house and just hang right there. So everytime you go you go, ey, all right, and you just kinda look your landmarks and then you just keep going down the coast and just throw here and work your way back up. Throw.

CL: So you think other folks have checked it out?

AH: I know other folks have been pounding `opihi.

CL: You haven't heard anybody else throwing net in the new area?

AH: I remember Kamu after the lave went come, he said he went catch a couple moi inside there. The only thing, far place for go. Cause you know you would have to park your truck here and then walk down the coast and then come back yeah. Cause if you park your truck over here, oh you drive in there and then you walk the coast, you gotta walk back. No matter which way you go you gotta walk. Not unless you get two guys or something. No trail. You gotta walk to the beach, and walk along the beach. So anyway.

CL: So I have one other question Aku. You were born '52. Do you remember when you were a kid? Do you remember any of the Kalapana folks had motor boats?

AH: Nope. Mostly was canoe.

CL: How early do you remember anybody had a motor boat?

AH: Kalapana people? Well I know the canoes was motorized like this until the end of....

CL: Canoes were motorized.

AH: I mean like this, only paddle but then after that they ended up putting motors on em. That's the only difference I know.

CL: Okay. How early did they put motors on em?

AH: I was kinda young yet when my grandfather guys was going out with motor. I mean they just put one, like one 2 X 6, cut one slot in the gunnel, set the 2 X 6 inside there and just lash em and they set the motor right there.

CL: On the side?

AH: Yeah, right on the 2 X 6 right there. And stay right in the front, right in the back the back `iako, eh? So they just brrr, just cruising.

CL: Yeah, I never saw that. So then, cause I hear people hear

people talk about going, like you'd go into Keauhou by boat, like in the early '70s I think. And that must have been from Pohoiki.

AH: Yeah. Oh no, we used to go from Kaimu. Cause the early '70s was like, I think was going with my uncle. That was from Pohiki, from Pohiki and then sometimes we was launching from Kaimu.

CL: Which uncle?

AH: Uncle Kalani. Because the daughter was over here, Momi, that's my uncle's daughter that. But couple times we went down with him and we was going with uncle Ula guys too. We used to go with them but like in the early '70s. Then after that my uncle ended up buying boats. They bought their boat in '74 or something, '74 or '75, something like that they bought theirs, brand new. And then after that, my brother had one older boat. He had like one 14 footer. And we used to go down on the boat, on his small boat too when the water was nice. But my brother bought his boat in '74 I think too. I remember my brother and my uncle bought the boat the same time, that boat right there. My brother had one smaller one than that one, 18 footer. But my uncle and my brother bought the same time.

CL: That was about the time then, '70s. Cause I don't think those motors on the canoes, they couldn't go too far, could they? They didn't go all the way to Keauhou or

AH: No, no.

CL: Probably just right around.

AH: Yeah, when we put em on the motor on the canoe was for go diving like that. And they would put like four or five guys, go out. And my uncle them used to go dive and my brother, they used to go dive and all we do is take the fish on the canoe, put em on the boat. They bring the spear up, they just give em to you, you just hemo the kind, you just give em the spear back. And we just follow them. When they come up, oh over there them, go over there. Cause they would be all different divers. So they just bring the fish up, we just throw em inside the canoe. And then coming in everybody jump on the canoe, coming in. But I remember going kinda far down too, behind auntie Minnie them place down behind there. All the way down in the back there. Canoe with the motor, for dive.

CL: Cause I guess if you, you wouldn't want to go opelu fishing with a motor cause it'd scare the fish.

AH: All paddle, my father just was all paddling.

CL: Well that's all I can think of. (End of tape)

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