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2017 Kotzebue interviews for the Sea Ice Project Jukebox

John Goodwin was interviewed on May 17, 2017 by Karen Brewster and Andy Mahoney at his home in Kotzebue, Alaska. His wife, Pearl, also participated in parts of the interview. In this interview, John talks about changing sea ice conditions in Kotzebue Sound, including thinning ice, timing of freeze-up and break-up, and the effect of wind and current. He also talks about hunting ringed seals in the winter on the landfast ice, traveling by boat in the early summer through the scattered ice floes to hunt bearded seal, and how to stay safe on the ice. *2 parts*

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Joe Harris and Willie Goodwin, Jr. were interviewed on May 17, 2017 by Karen Brewster and Andy Mahoney at the Fish and Wildlife Service bunkhouse in Kotzebue, Alaska. In this interview, Joe and Willie share their observations of and experiences with sea ice in the Kotzebue Sound region and how things have changed in their lifetimes. They also talk about being out on the ice or in a boat hunting seals. *2 parts*

Frank "Obbie" Greene was interviewed on May 17, 2017 by Karen Brewster and Andy Mahoney at his home in Kotzebue, Alaska. In this interview, Obbie talks about sea ice conditions in Kotzebue Sound. He talks about the effect of wind and current and how to stay safe on the ice. He also talks about seal hunting and an experience he had of drifting out on moving ice.