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Translator/Paul Amara [00:00:31] So he started since his childhood. And as he was growing in the city. So he was used to go fish in the Tuul river, which is flows directly through the UB (Ulaanbaatar) city. So from this childhood he has been spending his time on the river.

Translator/Paul Amara [00:01:17] So there's, of course, a big change. And during his childhood, the fish population was much bigger and healthier and today we see that in some rivers there is no fish at all so there's a big, big difference from where? From his childhood and at current time. So there's a big, big, big change and impact as well.

Translator/Paul Amara [00:02:10] I think it's from his personal perspective. One of the main factors is personal. It's a personal commitment each angler's.

Translator/Paul Amara [00:02:26] Not only angler's, but also from a whole population. (unintelligible) About the fish, about the ecosystem.

Translator/Paul Amara [00:02:40] So we cannot change, of course, global warming. So we cannot impact it. But personal attitude or personal behavior? That's I think we can still make a lot of impact.

Translator/Paul Amara [00:03:22] So again emphasizing on the personal attitude and behaviors of private individuals and the community as well. But doesn't matter whatever you do. Fishing, mining or whatever. So you feel too dumb to sustain sustainable way. It could impact a lot.

Translator/Paul Amara [00:04:27] So, again, (Mongolian)

Translator/Paul Amara [00:04:30] He, of course, is not professional on the global warming and cannot really say immediately tell what's the impact of the global warming. But of course, he watches a lot in social media all year, reads a lot about pollution and all the weather conditions.

Translator/Paul Amara [00:04:47] So but he still thinks that Mongolia is still one of the, you know, untouched or less impacted areas in his personal opinion.

Translator/Paul Amara [00:07:14] So what we're going to remember a full story of fishing. Of course, he starts with, as a child. He(unintelligible) fishing, like walking in two three kilometers into fish. And. And of course, his biggest dream was be catching the big fish.

Translator/Paul Amara [00:07:33] And while he's starting with the like spear fishing and having caught the fish, he, of course, took the fish. And he was not really thinking about what is fishing all about. What's his impact or every fish he was caught. He was bringing home and having served as a food.

Translator/Paul Amara [00:07:58] So this is like this in the imagination of that time.

Translator/Paul Amara [00:08:05] But since he started the fly fishing, he he wanted to prove that fly fishing can caught the biggest fish.

Translator/Paul Amara [00:08:16] I am having to get the biggest fish, he need to travel very a very long distance, about 1300 kilometers to upper to Thingis River. And he was planning that for a long time. And as and as finally when he was there and trying to fish he was caught by border patrol and pushed back. And this is, of course, a sad story, but he never forget this story because it was like kind of his ultimate memory of not success in fly-fishing.

Translator/Paul Amara [00:10:38] So, of course, as a fisherman here in Mongolia, it's as a fisherman, the people getting more aware about the fishing, aware about protecting the fish and some examples of that that, for example, we are organizing or participating in different type of fishing competitions, like custom shows or whatever. So this, of course, one of the signs of that people getting more aware and protecting the river and fish. But this is, for example, only valid for UB citizens. And they must be getting more information and getting more knowledge and get more advanced. But the main concern is in the rural area in the countryside, because it's an area which kind of, whether it's central government regulation or central government policy. So I'm not really getting through.

Translator/Paul Amara [00:11:42] And the local people, nomads are left alone without any sustainable economical support.

Translator/Paul Amara [00:11:55] So and this is the challenge. And this is why we, for example, get can think and change together, raise awareness, participate in the programs.

Translator/Paul Amara [00:12:07] And, you know, this is, I think along one of the also priorities for working together the different type of non-government organizations because the local communities and for local regulators as well.

Translator/Paul Amara [00:12:58] Doesn't matter if it's Patagonia or whatever other place is, is not that their destination is a is a target. The personal target is King Salmon

Translator/Paul Amara [00:13:18] I think Argentina or Chile. He has some friends there. They think this is who will be his next target.

Translator/Paul Amara [00:13:37] Even yeah he went to U.S. and Russia to [unintelligible] to catch the salmon and steelhead but was not successful.

Translator/Paul Amara [00:14:35] So he cannot really explain why he loves fishing or how he get into fishing he doesn't even remember that why he get involved in the fishing during his childhood. Even today It's like he's still loving through the fishing still cannot explain what's really all about fishing. It's like kind of part of him is the fishing.

Translator/Paul Amara [00:15:10] Like when you ask a small child why they like ice cream or bonbons. He cannot explain why he loves the ice cream or bonbons.