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Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:00:15] a lot It started when I was very little not even in school and my mother was sad when I came from angling she knew it was illegal of course at my age I was not allowed to go fishing then I was quiet for a time I was really always moving and was unable to focus and then I stayed with it I stayed with angling and I became calm and was able to concentrate on my work from school and it stayed like this until today.

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:01:43] we were all 7 8 years old boys and then we went to the lakes here in Berlin in the western part of Berlin and these were not real lakes for angling they were lakes in parks it was prohibited but we did it and stayed with it many people started like this with fishing .

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:02:56] I think really alot many people started illegally.

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:02:59] so if you ask them and go into detail then you discover that they started like this

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:03:15] [Speaking German]

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:03:25] some favorites. Waters. But it also depends on the season.

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:03:38] Where you have better conditions.

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:03:47] [Speaking German].

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:03:48] when I want to have a calm environment tthen somtimes I go to waters where I know right from the outset that I will not fish anything almost anything but I go there. just to chill

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:04:28] Yeah. That's important.

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:04:34] Even with everything angling.

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:04:35] It's not even important to me.

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:04:45] sometimes I go fishing. I also have my wife with me. Sometimes I don't even fish anything. Being there for four hours but I stay for four hours fishing but I haven't caught anything.

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:05:24] [Speaking German]

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:05:26] I've had it but within the course of the time it has changed again and again as I At the moment I like to fish perch but What it will be within the next two years I don't know. perchls it important for our region now.

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:06:14] [Speaking German].

James Thull [00:06:14] did it change after the East and West. The fall of the wall.

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:06:24] yes I have to say I'm from the West. Now however now there is no west and east. but before we where restricted. the canals were very dirty and the lakes. we caught fishes

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:07:03] In some cases we were not able to eat them.

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:07:14] And when you were quite near the border fishing. Then it was really quiet. in the city fishing was not that good. in the center of Berlin was not that good. after the Wall came down it improved a lot.

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:07:49] [Speaking German]

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:07:50] in the environment of Berlin especially in the area Brandenburg. where I used to go angling

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:08:06] It was the case that with many waters that they didn't do anything before.

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:08:15] They didn't care for it.

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:08:17] there's so much nature in Brandenburg some body coming from West Berlin was not able to imagine so much nature. I am of the opinion and I have to emphasize that for West Berliner Many things have changed to the better in the area of angling. I can start where I go fishing I go fishing in Germany and in Denmark. regarding pollution

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:09:19] I don't think that I have any worries about it.

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:09:25] could only be that more restrictions could cannot by Peter which is one association and NABU an association for protecting nature So they work a little bit against us. anglers

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:10:17] Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

James Thull [00:10:23] What type.

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:10:24] each spring for instance there is quite a lack of water This goes through the summer. Almost the entire summer.

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:10:47] only in autumn and fall when there is a little bit more coming.

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:10:53] and in the winter time it's too warm. we had winters in the 8 years when some lakes

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:11:12] We did not freeze

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:11:16] and even Rivers. river regions where we walked.

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:11:26] On them during the winter time. We can't do it anymore.

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:11:32] climate change. It's something that concerns . it is not only that it started 3 years ago it started 10 years ago already. . So as far as Germany is concerned and Denmark.

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:12:03] yes and no. I just go with fishing with flies and many others that those who go fishing with natural baits and maggots. They laugh at you they smile at you. whereas meanwhile older people who are at the age of 45 for up to sixty and more with those people you can get along I started and a short time afterwards I noticed it doesn't work with this fish or that fish so many things do not work and this was something which was an incentive for me. so if I wanted to prove just for myself. What do other people tell me. but meanwhile within the last ten to twelve years ago There were not so many people who try to fish with flies then today. this was 12 years ago. But now many people try to fish with flies also other fish species.

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:14:47] Tyes when started to tie flies. They had to look quite clean but I as I used to go fishing a lot and this is still what I'm doing. at some point. One morning I thought well I want to go fishing. I tied quite quickly as some flies and flies which you did not tie properly. Probably they are not worse than others.

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:15:45] [Speaking German]

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:15:48] Next year many people I know and who have really in there and who have really a very good or very well tied flies being inefficient. They go fishing where very seldom. so it is really important for them that everything is perfect. Bit that the case in order to angle a fish its better to be on the water and so this is more imprtant than to have good flies this is my experience. Whereas I have to add when it comes to fly fishing, there are many people who think that it is important to have well tied flies.

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:16:58] [Speaking German]

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:17:01] It was not a real important day on the angling itself is not that important for them but this place a rather inferior rod. so this is what I have learned within the course of the time the same advice

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:17:35] for casting casting. Well then it is important that the line in the air has the right movement. The fish itself plays a rather inferior role This is what I have found out the club that I'm a member of. you can classify the people fly tiers and fly casters and some people even go angling.

James Thull [00:18:47] What's the name of it?

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:19:06] Fario e.V. It is registered as a club. but its rather an association of interest of exchanging experiences. also exchanging tools materials then you can say I can pause when it came to fly fishing you had to fight on your own get along on your own because in Germany in the past . fly fishing was not widely disseminating as it is the case today. today you go to a club and you tell somebody I know you have this or some line please give it to me. I want to test it, the individual interest for the people regarding fishing. They differ, which is something that is nice. You have people from all areas doctors teachers construction workers everybody who on the street. perhaps would not even look at each other. but there they talk to each other spend their leisure time together. once a year they stay together over the night people who would not talk to each

other in either situation. that the beautiful thing about our club. just if you had none a rod would have to cost 200 euro if he heard something like that he should not rely on it. until he knows what is his style. What he needs especially at the beginning.. You do not do better fishing with expensive tools and especially regarding angling he should study in Nature at the waters. he will catch more fish then if he bought expensive equipment I think you don't my answer in that You would expect something really special. but I would stay a whole season in Denmark. a complete season in Denmark.

James Thull [00:23:48] What do you fish for in Denmark.

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:23:52] salmon and sea trout trout and grayling perch. Pike, pike.

James Thull [00:24:11] Do you do you catch and release. Do you eat what you catch or both.

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:24:15] I release many fishes. Now you like to catch perch. Also in autumn and fall and of course I always eat a lot of perch and then it's over again with perch music. you don't have to kill everything and eat everything right.

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:25:02] [Speaking German]

Lothar Balscheit/translator [00:25:11] I don't know what is special in Germany I cannot tell you I can only tell you. I have travelled a lot around the world and have fished in Canada for fishing various times I was in Alaska, in Norway and Sweeden in Chile and Argentina there the fishing it's only focused on one species. here in Germany we have alot of fish species. that we can catch and the same applies to Denmark. So I can't say there's anything special about fishing in Germany, but I have a lot of opportunities here.