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Mario Mucke/Interpreter [00:00:10] I thought about what angling means to me quite a bit. I know it means something but no story was coming up. But then one story came to mind. It came when I was eating dinner with my daughter.

Mario Mucke/Interpreter [00:01:13] The story is when I take my children fishing I see myself in my children. For many years angling. It's an important part of my life. Starting as a child until today.

Mario Mucke/Interpreter [00:01:27] I hope I can give something of that to my children. So this is the story of what fishing means to me.

James Thull [00:01:53] So you talk about teaching your children to fish.

Mario Mucke/Interpreter [00:01:53] Not only angling but being outside in the nature to deal with the nature

Mario Mucke/Interpreter [00:02:00] Also about how we should regard nature how I see nature be it collecting mushrooms, going camping, swimming, etc. Even what nature sees as I see it. As a child I wanted to go fishing my parents there was no one of my relatives that went fishing but with 3-4 boys at school I went fishing we bought a very plain bamboo rods to use with worms or bait so that is how I got started fishing

Mario Mucke/Interpreter [00:03:30] Actually I have 2. The trout stream near where our club is and [name of stream, unintelligible] there is a river in the south of Norway that we travel to in order to fish for salmon. Of course there are many other waters in my memory but these two I have a very close relationship to.

James Thull [00:03:30] Spend a lot of his money.

Mario Mucke/Interpreter [00:05:45] I think I would go trout fishing in Montana again. I have been there twice but I would go a 3rd time. Big sky, big land and the various waters no water is like the other one you know one you do not know the other one. You always have to adapt yourself in September I was in Montana and there were only a few fishermen there it was quite empty.

Mario Mucke/Interpreter [00:05:47] To lie in your tent at night and get freezing and to hear the coyotes and the fishing itself the trout.

Mario Mucke/Interpreter [00:06:15] I am a member of the board of the club where Pere and Uli are members. We have seen many changes. Some of the changes we have contributed to.

Mario Mucke/Interpreter [00:06:25] Where I see we have done a lot and had an impact. We have also seen that organizations have changed and done something but of course

this is never sufficient there has to be more done. The over exploitation of the waters. Too many fishermen. Too many other hobbies like canoe riding this is my concern for the future.

Mario Mucke/Interpreter [00:07:44] I have observed that there are not sufficient people who have committed themselves lots of people go fishing around Berlin but there are only a few who are committed.

James Thull [00:07:45] Just get out and do it?

Mario Mucke/Interpreter [00:07:45] Read a book about fishing and just get out and do it. Learn by doing. Salmon and Brown Trout. Atlantic salmon. Of course this is something very special. Especially in Germany and Europe in particular, the situation is different. That many of the waters in the country where we live.

Mario Mucke/Interpreter [00:09:20] It will be many hundreds or thousands of years the waters have been changed. And today they have fish species that have been living here for 500-600 years whether they are native or not of course we know which were the fish species that live here but the conditions in the small streams and small flow waters have changed this is something we have to be aware of .

Mario Mucke/Interpreter [00:10:10] We no longer have the opportunity to turn back the time. What we are doing now will be something that will be done by men we cannot get the nature we once had we can only create a nature that is natural from our point of view if we say a species once belonged to these waters it may be the waters are no longer suited for them. It is a problem we have to deal with and think about it. It's not that easy.

Mario Mucke/Interpreter [00:11:33] Patience. I can stay 24 hours just fishing. I'm going

Mario Mucke/Interpreter [00:11:54] I Don't fish to catch fish. I go Fishing because I want to be outside if I catch a fish it's the top of the event.

Mario Mucke/Interpreter [00:12:24] It is difficult to generalize about Germany.

Mario Mucke/Interpreter [00:12:33] I would for Brandenburg and Berlin it is the free movement that fishermen have established for themselves through angling clubs.

Mario Mucke/Interpreter [00:12:54] It's special for this region. As I said before

Mario Mucke/Interpreter [00:13:07] It is difficult to talk about the balance because we haven't got this second nature which unfortunately has been lost. I don't think you can ever do enough. When you have very different interests where. The interests of anglers and fish friends in Brandenburg

Mario Mucke/Interpreter [00:13:57] They are really at the bottom of the scale so agriculture the interest of them is much more higher estimated than the one of the fisherman. Yes in any case I would say that because the directors of the European Union determine that certain aims of maintenance are being fulfilled it's not up to the regional or local areas perhaps they would say for 300 years we did not have any trout so we do not need them now. As an artist (unintelligible) the way he draws is something I like. For books the one I remember quite well is about salmon fishing. Lee Wulff there is a book I would like to have from him.

Mario Mucke/Interpreter [00:16:32] The book I have from him is a compilation of articles from the magazines. But there is a book by him called Salmon. The club itself is a group of people.

Mario Mucke/Interpreter [00:17:16] Fishermen you can say who also wish to make a change to make a difference you don't have to push them they have natural interest in fishes and ecology and Their own idea of how to make a difference and what I see is they try and find an opportunity to get associated with groups. As president I have the task to pool ideas and put them into projects

Mario Mucke/Interpreter [00:18:39] And to have an open ear to hear to people to listen to the people Sometimes to discuss things to keep these issues alive to bring them to the people I think this is the most important thing I do and you can achieve alot if you do it in a thoughtful way.

James Thull [00:18:51] Excellent well thank you for talking about being president and for participating in the project.

Mario Mucke/Interpreter [00:19:32] As soon as I heard the idea, I was immediately interested and enthusiastic about it.

Mario Mucke/Interpreter [00:19:50] The fact that you are here also shows that there is an interest from the people in America to learn about others. It is very important and I think indepentant of the government and the president you have it is important that people talk to each other in associations and communities because it has an impact in the environment and it is important and independant of any government.

James Thull [00:21:34] I think groups have more power. In the states we say the squeaky wheel gets the grease so the louder you are the more attention you get.

Mario Mucke/Interpreter [00:21:34] Finding solutions that support fisheries. Trout Unlimited.