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Yuzo Sebata/Translator [00:01:06] He was born and raised Ibaraki prefecture little bit outside of Tokyo. And he used started fishing with carp family, small minnow or Chubb or carp when I was a kid.

James Thull [00:01:19] But what year would have been?

Yuzo Sebata/Translator [00:01:21] He started stream fishing around 1960 he started but carp fishing, chubb fishing dates back some more.

Yuzo Sebata/Translator [00:02:06] It's old style. Traditionally Japanese way of harvesting fish.

Yuzo Sebata/Translator [00:03:08] as long as he can tell firsthand it was practiced more than 100 years.

Yuzo Sebata/Translator [00:03:19] Dates back sometime before that. He doesn't have any firsthand knowledge, but maybe many more years before that. But that's tough to tell. Tenkara he means

Yuzo Sebata/Translator [00:05:32] Well regarding tenkara. It's really the fishing is communicated as very simple fishing, very simple fishing. But actually, it's not true. And his mentor, maybe he, was 60 years old. When he started when, but he was 20. So there were, you know, 40 years gap and his mentor was a rather old man. Sixty years of age or more. And his mentor said, oh, it's simple, very simple. You just throw the line and a fish will bite, you just harvest it. So he was convinced that simple and pick it up and try. Didn't get it. They didn't get it for for full season. He struggled because you found out it was not that simple. You have to familiarize yourself with the timing, the stroke. Oh, the movement that. Tenkara fishing requires. So he wants to say that it's not a simple thing. You have to learn a lot. So it's not for the novice..

Yuzo Sebata/Translator [00:07:59] he thinks by scaling up or down the tackle, like instead of using the 10 foot rod, you can extend it to 15 and scale up the tackle. You can tackle a big river or the lake, and as long as you know how to find a fish in the particular body of water. You can get by with the tenkara where the trout lives. And he had experience fishing the US on the Madison and Henry's Fork. Well. He actually said that he talked to the professor. The lecturer. At Montana state university during his stay in the states.

James Thull [00:08:36] Does he remember who it was?

Yuzo Sebata/Translator [00:09:17] It was maybe twenty or twenty three years ago when he visited and he has a DVD video, so maybe you can track it. and check it but he doesnt have the video

Yuzo Sebata/Translator [00:09:44] It was interesting.

Yuzo Sebata/Translator [00:09:54] He got Rainbow, Brown. It is not available in Japan.

James Thull [00:09:58] Did you catch any of native cutthroats at all?

Yuzo Sebata/Translator [00:10:09] He did in a different river system it was a big fish powerful.

Yuzo Sebata/Translator [00:11:27] So he started as the carp Fisher, he slowly switched to the mountian steam fishing. So as a result, his field changed from the low altidude fishing to the high altitude. And he's seen so many changes.

Yuzo Sebata/Translator [00:13:48] So his main focus in his a later life of his mountain fishing was, you know, just chasing the river up to the headwaters. Yeah, that's a risky sport in the way.

Yuzo Sebata/Translator [00:14:01] But you know, and not many people, young people are pursuing it maybe because it's so, so evolving. And you have to devote a lot of things to pursue that. And in order to be successful headwater fisherman, he needs a company. He needs a guidance to grow. And but luckily, his group had seen several young fellows picking it up and his providing guidance to become a mature and safer recreational headwater angler. And you think it's indispensable to give them the guidance, good guidance to grow.

Yuzo Sebata/Translator [00:15:59] He think that from familiarizing yourself with the fish, knowing the fish understanding the habitat. The differences. How they behave. It's very important. Key in becoming a productive fisherman. So. And as a leader or the preceding generation angler, he can provide talk or, you know, episodes to to give the following generation a steps so that the learning curve can be reasonably quick.

Yuzo Sebata/Translator [00:20:03] So when he was fishing, the Henry Fork. A lot of guys wait for the hatch to come. Yeah. When he visited, everything was very small, like size 20 to 24 midges almost. And a lot of guys are waiting for the rise shooting, the ball just sitting there. just talk talk OK, but he didn't like it because his time was limited is. So instead of waiting for the rise, he decided to fish, the way he is used to fish, you know, swinging big flies, tenkara flies and stuff. and he caught fish after fish. and he amazed. All the fly fishers waiting for the rise. and he found another guy an American guy fishing the river Also successfully. He was wearing a western hat looking like a cowboy. Local cowboy talk to him and compare the flies. Same size, soft hackled.

Yuzo Sebata/Translator [00:21:01] So and most of the guys waiting for the rise were just, you know, really going smaller and smaller. But Sebata was going bigger and bigger like size Eight. So sometimes, you know, employing a totally different opposite tactics can be successful trigger he really enjoy the experience.

Yuzo Sebata/Translator [00:21:43] everything.

Yuzo Sebata/Translator [00:21:47] It's graphite right now for Mr Sebata.

James Thull [00:21:51] OK, so that's his preferred.

Yuzo Sebata/Translator [00:21:53] Yes.

Yuzo Sebata/Translator [00:22:45] Well, mainly nostalgia. I think he has a very good fond memory of his childhood targeting small chub, carp and excitement. He couldn't forget. So he tried to relive the experience. But the more pristine setting a mountian stream with a different target. But excitement is the same for him.