

SUMMARY

Fishing in the Nemunas river between Kaunas and Smalininkai

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After the authoress's death published paper is a new abridged authoress's version of the research texts published in the monograph "Outlines of fishing history" by Laura Piškinaitė-Kazlauskienė (Vilnius, 1998). The fishermen of the Middle Nemunas to which Seredžius environs also belong, their fishing and the changes that took place in the course of time are described on the basis of the authoress herself field research material, ethnographical, geographical and ichtiological literature and archive data. The fishing areas that belonged to the fishermen till the end of World War II and their mode of life are characterized, the fishing with trawls (fig. 1–3), floating, one-sided, three-sided (fig. 4) and stationary (fig. 6) fishing nets is described. Considering enterprising and amateurish fishing, their construction (fig. 11), production (fig. 9, 10, 12–14), supervision and the way of fishing are widely analysed. A separate description is devoted to hurling fishing lines which are called „šniūrai“ ("ropes") almost in the whole territory of Lithuania, angling (fig. 16), fishing with spoon-baits, catching chubs with two crossly joined small planks called „rogutės“ ("sledge") (fig. 17), fishing-baskets (creels), fishing-traps, landing-nets (fig. 18), harpoons (fig. 19), hooks (fig. 20), chopping instruments (fig. 21) and various other poaching devices. Much attention is devoted to fish keeping (fig. 24), transportation and realization. The conclusion was made that the Nemunas ichtio-fauna changes took place not due to the fishermen's actions but due to other farming activities, landscape reorganization and evolution.