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<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: What other types of jobs are there besides shucking oysters or clams? What is the day hands or anything?

<i>Christine Gray</i>: There's picking crabs.

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Okay

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<i>Christine Gray</i>: So we are doing crabs, oysters and clams.

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<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Not all at the same time right?

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<i>Christine Gray</i>: Yeah,

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<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: All at the same time?

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<i>Christine Gray</i>: Yeah, he takes about six girls and put them all on clams everyday. And then they and rotate. And uh but most of the men, but oyster season is really out. But since he can get the oysters from down south he'll shuck probably 'til the end of may.

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<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Okay, what places are you bringing the oysters in from?

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<i>Christine Gray</i>: Uh, Louisiana. As far as I know of, Louisiana.

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<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Okay, does he have his own drivers or is another company bringing the oysters in?

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<i>Christine Gray</i>: It's another company, they come in on truck and trailer, I think, most of the time.

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<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Okay. Do men and women usually do the same type of work there?

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<i>Christine Gray</i>: Yes, we have uhm -- Course all the women, no men shuck ah pick crabs. We have a couple of the women that shuck oysters and clams.

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<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Are these just the Mexicans or --?

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<i>Christine Gray</i>: No, some of the old shuckers are still doing it.

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<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Oh. So you guys do crabs in the same house as you do oysters?

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<i>Christine Gray</i>: No, he added on a new room for the crabs. They have to be much more sanitary.

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Oh, okay.

<i>Christine Gray</i>: Than if you've been picking crabs. So we can't even go in there.

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Oh all right.

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<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: What other jobs are there besides I mean manager positions, is there another job that you personally would be interested in?

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<i>Christine Gray</i>: The only other job they would have would be in the skimmer room. And I prefer shucking clams. I make more money, I'm sure, shucking clams than I could working by the hour.

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<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Okay, do most of the folks that work there at Denton live in the area?



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