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**Abstract Title:** Deep Mapping the African American Fisheries Landscape of the Albemarle Sound in the 19 th and 20 th Centuries

**Abstract Description:** This paper outlines a proposal to examine the social and economic conditions of the African American community of Albemarle Sound that led to their employment as fishers. A preliminary review of the Albemarle Sound's historical records has identified the Capehart Fishery as a vehicle of significant African American engagement in the fishing industry. Vividly depicted through photographic materials, the author seeks present historical and archaeological data associated with this unique shore-based fishery, to shed light on an overlooked African American presence in North Carolina's maritime archaeology and history.