We asked Eric ...

Tell us about your favorite hobby.

One of my favorite hobbies is saltwater fishing in the rivers and offshore. In order to fish, you learn about the animals and the environment around you, about the moon and the tides, the wind and the weather. To know fishing is to know the world around you and to appreciate and protect the environment.

What is your favorite food?

I love anything you can grow in the garden. I grow hot peppers, and I help my wife grow herbs and spices, like rosemary, oregano, basil, jasmine, and lemon balm. I also love to grow tomatoes and collard greens. They are all very healthy for you to eat.

What was it like when you were growing up?

When I was growing up I would go camping at the beach and swim in the ocean and rivers with my family and friends. My favorite class in school was history. I had lots of fun playing guitar and listening to music with my friends. Many of my family members played musical instruments as well, like harmonica and guitar and some of my friends even played piano. I never thought that I would be a musician but because I love music, I eventually became a professional musician.

