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the lucrative program. By early May, out-of-work fishermen could also avail themselves of the economic claims offices BP had opened around the Gulf Coast. This first claims process, which ran until August 23 directly under BP's authority, focused primarily on paying commercial fisheries claimants, and wrote checks up to \$5,000 a month based on presented registration documents, seafood sales receipts, and tax records (WDSU 2010; Anderson 2010).



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