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SOCIAL EFFECTS OF THE RESPONSE

years of the 1970s when oil and gas activity was at its peak (see Chapter 3, this volume). To help mitigate the effect of the disaster on fishermen, BP created the Vessels of Opportunity (VOO) program to employ local boat owners and operators to deliver boom and to seek and clean up oil (see Chapters 2 and 7, Volume II). Many fishermen did benefit from their participation in the program, but so, too, did others who saw and capitalized on an opportunity to make a lot of money.

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