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## U.S. 30(b)(6) Agrees That VoO Helped Fishermen and Others

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Q. (By Mr. Tressler) So from what you're saying, Dr. Luton, it sounds that you agree with the researchers who wrote this report, that many fishermen did benefit from participation in the Vessels of Opportunity program, correct?

A. Yes.

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Q. And it helped both fishermen and non-fishermen to, quote, make a lot of money, right?

A. **Some to make a lot of money, yes.**

Q. And that's because, as you understand, participation in the Vessels of Opportunity program was lucrative for many?

A. Yes.

Q. And it paid more than what some participants normally earned in a day, correct?

A. Yes.