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**Offshore Oil and *Deepwater Horizon*:
Social Effects on Gulf Coast
Communities
Volume II: Key Economic Sectors
and Ethnic Groups**

7.1. THE INITIAL BP CLAIMS PROCESS (TO 8/23/10)

By May 26, BP reported receiving 25,000 claims and paying \$29 million to 12,000 claimants, denying no claimant by that date (Anderson 2010). Claimants could get up to \$5,000 a month through the process, and were not required to waive their right to sue for future damages. Commercial fishermen, shut down by area closures resulting from the spill, made up a major part of the claimants during the BP process (WDSU-TV 2010), as claims offices began regularizing what became monthly payments as the spill stretched through the summer of 2010.

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