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hire thousands of local vessels to assist with the response but it chose to do so at least in part to employ and compensate local boat owners, professional mariners, and fishermen who were potentially affected by the oil spill.²⁷ Within days of the start of the oil spill, BPXP began recruiting local fishermen.²⁸ Vessel owners who were placed on-hire were paid between \$1,200 and \$2,000 per vessel per day, depending on the size of the boat, and the captain and crew were

Table 7

2010 BPXP Spending in Gulf Coast States for Vessels of Opportunity Program

State	2010
Louisiana	\$277,100,000
Mississippi	115,100,000
Alabama	128,900,000
Florida	73,300,000
Total	\$594,400,000

Source: BPXP Spending Update Slides

oil-spill ("Volunteer recruitment efforts include outreach to local fishermen with boats, which can be used as vessels of opportunity to assist contractors in deploying booms.")

²⁷ ISPR Final Report, Dep. Exh. 9124 at 122.

²⁸ Id.

²⁹ Spending Update Slides.