

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

ANIMAL WELFARE INSTITUTE)
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Washington, DC 20009,)

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY,)
P.O. Box 710)
Tucson, AZ 85702-0710,)

TURTLE ISLAND RESTORATION NETWORK,)
P.O. Box 370)
Forest Knolls, CA 94933)

ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND,)
170 East Cotati Avenue)
Cotati, CA 94931,)

Civ. No.

v.)

BP AMERICA, INC.)
501 Westlake Park Blvd.)
Houston, TX 77079)

BP EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION,)
501 Westlake Park Blvd.)
Houston, TX 77079)

BRITISH PETROLEUM PLC)
1 St. James's Square)
London SW1Y 4PD, UK)

Defendants.)

COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

1. This is an action for declaratory and injunctive relief pursuant to the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (“OCSLA”), 43 U.S.C. § 1349(a)(2)(A), to bring an immediate halt to defendants’ actions that are killing endangered and threatened sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico as part of defendants’ efforts to contain the catastrophic oil spill that has occurred at defendants’ Deepwater Horizon facility in the Gulf. The defendants are BP America, BP Exploration, and Production, and BP PLC (hereinafter collectively referred to as “BP”). As explained below, in an effort to contain the oil spill by burning the oil, defendants are also corralling and burning alive endangered and threatened sea turtles without a permit from the Department of Commerce, in violation of Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act (“ESA”), 16 U.S.C. § 1538(a). Because the lease that governs BP’s operations requires the company to comply with all environmental “statutes and regulations,” BP’s actions in killing and otherwise harming and harassing endangered and threatened sea turtles constitute flagrant violations of its lease with the United States. Accordingly, plaintiffs seek emergency and permanent relief to halt such actions unless and until BP comes into compliance with the law.

JURISDICTION

2. This Court has jurisdiction over plaintiffs’ claims pursuant to OCSLA, 43 U.S.C. § 1349(a)(1), which provides that “any person having a valid legal interest which is adversely affected may commence a civil action . . . to compel compliance . . . for any alleged violation . . . of the terms of any permit or lease issued by the Secretary” The present action is one to compel compliance by defendants with the terms of its lease for the Deepwater Horizon facility.

PARTIES

3. Plaintiff Animal Welfare Institute (“AWI”) is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to alleviating the suffering inflicted on animals by humans. As part of its mission, AWI works to protect marine life from adverse human impacts. AWI has approximately 25,000 members and constituents throughout the United States, some of whom live near and recreate in the Gulf of Mexico and who very much enjoy observing and having the opportunity to observe endangered and threatened sea turtle species in those waters, including endangered Kemp’s Ridley sea turtles, Leatherback sea turtles, Green sea turtles, and Hawksbill sea turtles, as well as threatened Loggerhead sea turtles. BP’s oil containment actions that result in killing, injuring, and otherwise harming and harassing these animals diminishes AWI’s members’ ability to enjoy these species in the future. If BP is required to halt its killing and harming of these animals, this will protect AWI’s members’ ability to enjoy these species in the future. AWI brings this action on its own behalf and on behalf of its members.

4. Center for Biological Diversity (“CBD”) is a nonprofit membership organization organized under the laws of New Mexico, with its principal place of business in Tucson, Arizona. CBD has hundreds of members who live near and recreate in the waters of the Gulf of Mexico and who very much enjoy observing and photographing, and having the opportunity to observe and photograph the many sea turtle species that live in those waters. BP’s oil containment actions that involve igniting fires in waters inhabited by endangered and threatened sea turtles which results in killing, injuring, and otherwise harming and harassing these animals diminishes CBD’s members’ ability to enjoy these species in the future. A court order enjoining BP from continuing to kill and otherwise harm these animals will protect CBD’s members’ ability to enjoy these species in the future. CBD brings this action on its own behalf and on

behalf of its members.

5. Turtle Island Restoration Network (“TIRN”) is a non-profit corporation with its principal place of business in Olema, California, and a satellite office in Houston, Texas. It has approximately 17,000 members and supporters throughout the United States and is dedicated to the study, protection, enhancement, conservation, and preservation of the world’s marine and terrestrial ecosystems, including protection and conservation of sea turtles. TIRN members live near and recreate in the Gulf of Mexico and study and enjoy observing endangered and threatened sea turtles. TIRN brings this action on its own behalf and on behalf of its members and staff. BP’s oil containment actions that result in killing, injuring, and otherwise harming and harassing endangered and threatened sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico diminish TIRN’s members’ and staff’s ability to study and observe these species in the wild, and also greatly impair TIRN’s own ability to study, protect, conserve, and preserve these species. A court order enjoining BP from continuing to kill and otherwise harm and harass these endangered and threatened sea turtles will provide some relief from the aesthetic, educational, and research injuries that TIRN and its members and staff suffer as a result of BP’s actions.

6. Animal Legal Defense Fund (“ALDF”) is a non-profit corporation founded in 1979 to protect the lives and interests of animals through the enforcement of laws enacted to protect animals. Based in Cotati, California, ALDF has approximately 100,000 members nationwide, including lawyers, law professors, law students, and other individuals interested in protecting the lives and interests of animals, including marine species. Like the other plaintiffs, it has members who live near and recreate in the waters of the Gulf of Mexico and who very much enjoy observing and having the opportunity to observe the sea turtle species that live in those waters. BP’s oil containment actions that result in killing, injuring, and otherwise

harming and harassing these animals diminish ALDF's members' ability to enjoy these species in the future. A court order enjoining BP from killing and otherwise harming these animals will protect ALDF's members' ability to enjoy these species in the future. ALDF brings this action on its own behalf and on behalf of its members.

7. Defendant BP PLC is a British-based corporation doing business in the United States as itself and various subsidiaries. Defendant BP America, Inc. is a for-profit wholly-owned corporate subsidiary of BP PLC, organized under the laws of the state of Delaware. BP Exploration & Production, Inc. is also a for-profit wholly-owned subsidiary of BP, PLC, and is also organized under the laws of the state of Delaware. The various BP defendants (hereinafter collectively referred to as "BP") own the license and are subject to the lease under which the Deepwater Horizon facility is being operated. BP is responsible for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and for the containment operations that are killing, harming, and harassing the endangered and threatened sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico.

**STATUTORY FRAMEWORK AND FACTS GIVING RISE
TO PLAINTIFFS' CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

8. The United States, through the Department of Interior ("DOI"), leases the right to explore, develop, and produce the oil and gas contained within certain designated areas, subject to the requirements of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act ("OCSLA"), 43 U.S.A. § 1331 et seq.

9. Pursuant to OCSLA, BP has executed a lease with DOI that allows it to extract oil and gas at the Deepwater Horizon facility. That lease provides, inter alia, that it is conditioned upon compliance with "the Act [OCSLA]; all regulations issued pursuant to the Act and in existence upon the Effective Date of [the] lease; all regulations issued pursuant to the statute in the future which provide for the prevention of waste and conservation of the natural

resources of the Outer Continental Shelf and the protection of correlative rights therein; and all other applicable statutes and regulations.” (Emphasis added).

10. The Secretary of DOI has delegated his duties under OCSLA to the Director of the Minerals Management Service (“MMS”). See 30 C.F.R. § 250.101. Regulations issued by the MMS provide that “all operations” subject to that statute must be conducted pursuant to OCSLA, MMS regulations, “the lease or right-of-way, and other applicable laws, regulations, and amendments.” Id.

11. OCSLA also contains a broad citizen suit provision that provides that “any person having a valid legal interest which is or may be adversely affected may commence a civil action against any person, including the United States . . . for any alleged violation of any provision” of OCSLA “or any regulation” promulgated under the statute, “or the terms of any permit or lease issued by the Secretary” under OCSLA. 43 U.S.C. § 1349(a)(1).

12. The Endangered Species Act (“ESA”) prohibits the “taking” of any endangered and threatened species. 16 U.S.C. § 1538(a). The ESA defines the term “take” to include “harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct.” 16 U.S.C. § 1532(19). The term “harm” includes an act which “kills or injures” an endangered or threatened animal. 50 C.F.R. § 17.3. The term “harass” includes an “intentional or negligent act or omission which creates the likelihood of injury [to an endangered or threatened animal] by annoying it to such extent as to significantly disrupt normal behavioral patterns which include, but are not limited to, breeding, feeding, or sheltering.” 50 C.F.R. § 17.3.

13. Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA authorizes the Secretary of Commerce, through the National Marine Fisheries Service (“NMFS”) (with respect to marine species), to issue a

“permit” for any act that is otherwise prohibited by Section 9, when the taking of the species is “incidental” to an otherwise lawful activity – i.e., when the taking of the species is not the purpose of the activity.

14. The Act provides that NMFS “shall publish notice in the Federal Register of each application for an exemption or permit which is made under [Section 10].” 16 U.S.C. § 1539(c). “Each notice shall invite the submission from interested persons, within thirty days after the date of the notice, of written data, views or arguments with respect to the application” Id.

15. The Deepwater Horizon rig and wells conduct offshore oil exploration and production in the Gulf of Mexico, and are subject to OCSLA, MMS regulations, and the lease entered into between BP and DOI.

16. On April 20, 2010, an explosion and fire erupted on the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig, which had just completed an exploratory well 52 miles from shore in 4,992 feet of water. Eleven members of the crew are missing and presumed dead. The fire destroyed the rig, which sank on April 22, 2010. The resulting oil spill – which continues to this day – has wreaked devastation on the Gulf of Mexico eco-system and environment. Crude oil continues to flow from a broken pipe on the seafloor, has spread across thousands of square miles, and is damaging local communities, sensitive coastlines, and wildlife throughout the Gulf region.

17. Recently, in an effort to contain the spill, BP began using “controlled burns,” that involve using shrimp boats to create a corral of the oil by dragging together fire-resistant booms and then lighting the enclosed “burn box” on fire. The “burn boxes” are approximately 60-100 feet in diameter.

18. Unfortunately, there are endangered and threatened sea turtles who live in the Gulf of Mexico and who are also being caught in the corrals being created by BP, including the

Kemp's Ridley sea turtle, which is listed as endangered, see 50 C.F.R. § 17.11, and is one of the rarest sea turtles on earth, the endangered Leatherback sea turtles, endangered Green sea turtles, threatened Loggerhead sea turtles, and endangered Hawksbill sea turtles. See 50 C.F.R. § 17.11 (listing all of these species as endangered or threatened). Because the turtles are being caught in the corrals, they are being killed, harmed, or otherwise harassed by BP's "controlled burns."

19. Plaintiffs have checked the Federal Register and have found no indication that BP has ever applied for or obtained an "incidental take permit" pursuant to Section 10 of the ESA that would allow it to kill or otherwise harm or harass endangered or threatened species. Accordingly, it is apparent that BP is engaged in the unauthorized "take" of these species.

20. BP could engage in controlled burns without taking endangered or threatened sea turtles – this would require it to spend resources to increase its efforts to ensure that it has removed as many turtles as possible from the relevant areas before burning those animals. However, to date, BP has not taken such actions.

21. By letter dated June 29, 2010, plaintiffs gave notice in writing under oath to BP, Secretary of DOI Ken Salazar, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Attorney Generals of each of the states bordering the Gulf of Mexico that BP is engaged in an unlawful "take" of endangered and threatened species in violation of the ESA and BP's lease for the Deepwater Horizon facility, and therefore in violation of OCSLA and MMS regulations. That notice was in compliance with the requirements of OCSLA, 43 U.S.C. § 1349(a)(3).

22. Because the burning activities are ongoing and will continue to be used by BP in the immediate future in an effort to contain the Deepwater Horizon spill, the threat of danger and harm to these endangered and threatened species – and hence to the aesthetic, educational, and research interests of the plaintiffs and their members – is immediate. Accordingly, plaintiffs

have satisfied the notice requirement of OCSLA, 43 U.S.C. § 1349(a)(3), which provides that plaintiffs may file suit immediately after giving notice when the alleged legal violation “constitutes an immediate threat to the public health or safety or would immediately affect a legal interest of the plaintiff.”

PLAINTIFFS’ CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

23. Defendants’ actions in allowing endangered and threatened sea turtles to be killed, harmed, and harassed by its oil containment burning practices, without obtaining an “incidental take permit” from NMFS, violate the “take” prohibition of Section 9 of the ESA, 16 U.S.C. § 1538(a). Accordingly, BP is in flagrant violation of its lease for the Deepwater Horizon facility which requires BP to comply with all federal environmental laws, and it is also in violation of MMS regulations, which provide that “all operations” subject to OCSLA must be conducted pursuant to the statute, MMS regulations, “the lease or right-of-way, and other applicable laws, regulations, and amendments.” 30 C.F.R. § 250.101.

24. Defendants’ actions injure the plaintiffs and their members in the ways described in paragraphs 3-6.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs request that this Court enter an order:

1. Declaring that defendants’ actions violate the ESA and hence BP’s lease with the United States that governs the Deepwater Horizon facility;
2. Immediately and permanently enjoining defendants from continuing to violate the ESA and BP’s lease with respect to the illegal take of endangered and threatened sea turtles;
3. Awarding plaintiffs their reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs for this action; and
4. Granting plaintiffs such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: June 30, 2010

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

Animal Welfare Institute, Center for Biological Diversity, Turtle Island Restoration Network, Animal Legal Defense Fund

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Washington, DC (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number) James R. Swanson, Joseph C. Peiffer, Jason W. Burge; Fishman Haygood Phelps Walmsley Willis & Swanson, LLP; 201 St. Charles Avenue, 46th Floor New Orleans, Louisiana 70170-4600; (504) 586-5252

DEFENDANTS

BP America, BP PLC, BP Exploration and Production

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Harris County, TX (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known) Rupert Bondy, General Counsel

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff, 2 U.S. Government Defendant, 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party), 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

Table with columns for Plaintiff (PTF) and Defendant (DEF) citizenship and business location (Citizen of This State, Citizen of Another State, Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country, Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State, Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State, Foreign Nation).

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

Large table with categories: CONTRACT, REAL PROPERTY, TORTS, CIVIL RIGHTS, PRISONER PETITIONS, FORFEITURE/PENALTY, LABOR, IMMIGRATION, BANKRUPTCY, SOCIAL SECURITY, FEDERAL TAX SUITS, OTHER STATUTES.

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 Original Proceeding, 2 Removed from State Court, 3 Remanded from Appellate Court, 4 Reinstated or Reopened, 5 Transferred from another district (specify), 6 Multidistrict Litigation, 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity): Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1331, et seq.; Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1531, et seq. Violations of lease with United States under OCSLA and of the Endangered Species Act by burning sea turtles

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23 DEMAND \$ CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: JURY DEMAND: Yes No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions): JUDGE Barbier DOCKET NUMBER 10-1630

DATE SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

06/30/2010 /s/ Jason W. Burge, 30420

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

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I. (a) Plaintiffs-Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.

(b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)

(c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".

II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.

IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.

V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

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VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553
Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service

VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

AO 440 (Rev. 12/09) Summons in a Civil Action

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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Eastern District of Louisiana

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Defendant

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Civil Action No.

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: *(Defendant's name and address)* BP America, Inc.
501 Westlake Park Blvd.
Houston, TX 77079

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

Katherine Meyer
William Eubanks II
Meyer Glitzenstein & Crystal
1601 Connecticut Ave, NW
Suite 700
Washington, DC 20009

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

CLERK OF COURT

Date: 06/30/2010

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Civil Action No. _____

PROOF OF SERVICE

(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (l))

This summons for *(name of individual and title, if any)* _____
was received by me on *(date)* _____ .

I personally served the summons on the individual at *(place)* _____
_____ on *(date)* _____ ; or

I left the summons at the individual's residence or usual place of abode with *(name)* _____
_____, a person of suitable age and discretion who resides there,
on *(date)* _____ , and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or

I served the summons on *(name of individual)* _____ , who is
designated by law to accept service of process on behalf of *(name of organization)* _____
_____ on *(date)* _____ ; or

I returned the summons unexecuted because _____ ; or

Other *(specify):* _____ .

My fees are \$ _____ for travel and \$ _____ for services, for a total of \$ _____ 0.00 .

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: _____

Server's signature

Printed name and title

Server's address

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc:

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I returned the summons unexecuted because _____ ; or

Other *(specify):* _____ .

My fees are \$ _____ for travel and \$ _____ for services, for a total of \$ _____ 0.00 .

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: _____

Server's signature

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