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Announcer: One Ocean, a petroleum industry and fishing industry liaison group, has announced a three year program to train 500 fish harvesters in oil spill countermeasures. The training will be conducted by the Marine Institute with support from the Canadian Coast Guard. The ocean points out that the amount of petroleum being transported through our waters is seven times what it was in 1993, but oil spill cleanup resources have not kept pace. The FFAW's Earle McCurdy welcomes the program. He says fishermen know the ocean best and he encourages them to get involved. McCurdy says fish harvesters proved their worth during a major oil spill in Spain a couple of years ago.

Earle McCurdy: We had a representative go to Spain to look at the fallout from the Prestige incident, incident and it was clear that first of all, there were disastrous decisions made as to how to handle it when it did happen. And secondly that while they, the fishermen were probably did the best job of anyone in terms of responding, they had no technical preparation to really, to properly equip them to, to do the best they, they could with it. * * * * *