UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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Complainant,

vs.

MARK EDWARD MATTHEWS,

Respondent.

Docket Number 2023-0172

CG Enforcement Activity Number 7637718

<u>CONSENT ORDER</u>

<u>Issued: July 12, 2024</u>

<u>By: Honorable George J. Jordan, Administrative Law Judge</u>

Appearances:

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For the Coast Guard

Mark Edward Matthews, *Pro se*
For the Respondent

CONSENT ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The United States Coast Guard (Coast Guard) served Mark Edward Matthews (Respondent) with a Complaint on March 4, 2024. On April 15, 2024, the Coast Guard filed a Motion for Default Order (Default Motion) due to Respondent's failure to submit a timely Answer, as defined by 33 C.F.R. § 20.308(a). On May 28, 2024, Respondent filed an Answer to the Complaint (Answer) with Coast Guard admitting to all jurisdictional and all factual allegations, including a request for settlement discussions. Subsequent to the Answer, the parties filed a Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order (Settlement Motion), on July 2, 2024, stipulating the case be approved as settlement under 33 C.F.R. § 20.502. Since the Coast Guard now moves for consent to the Settlement Agreement with the Respondent as a resolution of proceedings, the Default Motion is rendered moot.

I have carefully reviewed the terms of the Settlement Agreement and find it is fair and reasonable and in substantial compliance with the requirements of 33 C.F.R. § 20.502.

Upon consideration of the record, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Coast Guard's Motion for Default is DENIED as moot.

2. The stipulated Settlement Agreement is APPROVED in full and incorporated herein by reference. This Consent Order shall constitute full, final, and complete adjudication of this proceeding.

SO ORDERED.

Done and dated, July 12, 2024,
Seattle, Washington

George J. Jordan
Administrative Law Judge
United States Coast Guard