

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD,)	
Complainant,)	
)	Docket Number: 2023-0372
vs.)	
)	Enforcement Activity Number: 7742644
KENNETH ANTHONY HARDY II,)	
Respondent.)	

CONSENT ORDER

Issued: July 9, 2024

By Order of Chief Administrative Law Judge: Hon. Walter J. Brudzinski

Appearances:

For the Coast Guard

Shawn G. Merrick
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For the Respondent

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CONSENT ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

On July 1, 2024, the parties in this case submitted a Motion for Approval of a Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order to the Administrative Law Judge for approval under 33 C.F.R. § 20.502.¹

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

ORDER

Upon consideration of the record, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Settlement Agreement is **APPROVED** in full and incorporated herein by reference. This Consent Order shall constitute full, final, and complete adjudication of this proceeding.



HON. WALTER J. BRUDZINSKI
Chief Administrative Law Judge
United States Coast Guard

Date: July 9, 2024

¹ The parties initially submitted their Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Entry of a Consent Order on March 26, 2024. On May 30, 2024, I conducted a pre-hearing conference to address the Coast Guard's proposed sanction of revocation for the allegation of misconduct without including aggravating factors in its Complaint and rejected the Settlement Agreement. The Coast Guard filed an Amended Complaint on June 6, 2024, to include matters of aggravation to support the proposed sanction of revocation. On July 1, 2024, the Coast Guard resubmitted the parties' Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Entry of a Consent Order, which is before me, and I approve. Further, Respondent is to receive credit for progress made towards completion of the original March 26, 2024 Settlement Agreement.