

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

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD,
Complainant,

vs.

CHRISTOPHER JOEL FOX,
Respondent.

Docket No. 2023-0396
Enforcement Activity No. 7703056

ORDER MEMORIALIZING APRIL 24, 2024, PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE
&
ORDER GRANTING RESPONDENT’S MOTION TO WITHDRAW MOTION TO
DISQUALIFY
&
CONSENT ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
&
ORDER CANCELING HEARING SET TO COMMENCE ON APRIL 30, 2024

On April 24, 2024, I convened a prehearing conference in the above-captioned case to discuss the parties’ Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Christopher Joel Fox’s (Respondent) Motion to Disqualify/Withdraw. Andrew S. Myers, Esq., Daniel B. Schaefer, Esq., and CWO Michael Micucci appeared on behalf of the United States Coast Guard (Coast Guard). Ryon L. Little, Esq., appeared on Respondent’s behalf.

After a short discussion, Respondent moved to withdraw his outstanding motion to disqualify me from this case filed on April 16, 2024. After allowing Respondent to withdraw that motion, I turned to the parties’ joint request for approval of Settlement Agreement. After reviewing the settlement agreement and after being sufficiently advised, I find the Settlement

Agreement is fair, reasonable, and in substantial compliance with the requirements of 33 C.F.R. § 20.502.

Accordingly, the Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement is **GRANTED**. The hearing set for April 30, 2024, in this matter is **CANCELED**. 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. All other outstanding motions are **DENIED** as **MOOT**.

SO ORDERED.

Done and dated this April 29, 2024,
at Houston, Texas

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tommy Cantrell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

THE HONORABLE TOMMY CANTRELL
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD