

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

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Complainant

vs.

CRAIG SINCLAIR COMO
Respondent

Docket Number 2023-0242
Enforcement Activity No. 7674655

ORDER MEMORIALIZING PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE
&
CONSENT ORDER APPROVING AMENDED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

On October 19, 2023, I convened a pre-hearing telephone conference to discuss the United States Coast Guard's (Coast Guard) Motion for Approval of a Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order. 33 C.F.R. § 20.501. Daniel B. Schaefer, Esq., and LT Hayden L. Veech appeared on behalf of the Coast Guard and Craig Sinclair Como (Respondent) appeared on his own behalf, *pro se*.

At the outset of the conference, I inquired whether Respondent had retained an attorney or representative in this matter and Respondent stated he would proceed without counsel. I also advised the parties of my role as an independent fact finder and explained my decisions and rulings are not graded nor scored by the Coast Guard and I am not subject to performance evaluations. 33 C.F.R. § 20.206.

After some discussion and review of the Coast Guard's Motion, I explained to the parties that the signatures accompanying the agreement lacked a date. Furthermore, because the agreement specifically referenced the signature date, I noted those references would be unenforceable. To correct the issue, I suggested the parties file a motion to amend the agreement

along with an affidavit indicating the date the original document was signed.

On October 23, 2023, the Coast Guard filed a Joint Motion for Amendment of Settlement Agreement and a supporting affidavit. Upon review of the file and after being sufficiently advised I find the Amended Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable, and in substantial compliance with the requirements of 33 C.F.R. § 20.502. Accordingly, the Coast Guard's Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Joint Motion for Amendment of Settlement Agreement are **GRANTED**. The Amended 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 this 27th day of October 2023, at
Houston, Texas

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

HON. TOMMY CANTRELL
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD