

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

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD,)	
Complainant,)	
)	Docket Number: 2025-0096
vs.)	
)	Enforcement Activity Number: 8079168
JAMES EDWARD RUMPH JR,)	
Respondent.)	

CONSENT ORDER

Issued: March 6, 2025

By Order of Administrative Law Judge: Hon. Jennifer A. Mehaffey

Appearances:

For the Coast Guard

LT Meghan Palomba
USCG Sector Virginia

For the Respondent

James Edward Rumph Jr., *Pro se*

CONSENT ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

On March 3, 2025, the Coast Guard filed a Complaint dated February 26, 2025, against James Edward Rumph Jr. (Respondent) seeking revocation of his Merchant Mariner Credential. Also on March 3, 2025, the Coast Guard filed a Motion for Approval of a Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order (Motion), containing the Settlement Agreement signed on February 26, 2025, to be approved as a settlement of this case under 33 C.F.R. § 20.502.¹

As evidenced by their respective signature, the parties assert that settlement is in the public interest and appropriate based on Respondent's cooperation and good faith efforts towards remediation. The parties also agree the entry of a Consent Order approving this settlement without further litigation is the proper means of resolution in this matter. Accordingly, the parties have expressly waived their right to a hearing and appeal in this matter and I have not conducted a hearing on the merits of this case. 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.

¹ Although the Coast Guard dated the Certificate of Service for both the Complaint and the Motion as February 26, 2025, the documents were not filed with the Coast Guard Docketing Center until March 3, 2025. However, I find the difference in the dates to be a de minimis error that does not affect my approval of this Settlement Agreement.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, the Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order is **GRANTED**, and 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.

Done and dated March 6, 2025
New York, NY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MehaFFEY', is written over a faint, circular, light-blue watermark. The signature is fluid and cursive.

HON. JENNIFER A. MEHAFFEY
Administrative Law Judge
United States Coast Guard