

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

## **CONSENT ORDER**

**Issued:** October 24, 2025

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

### **Appearances:**

## For the Coast Guard

## Taylor Hightower Sector New Orleans

**For the Respondent**  
**Troy Smith, *Pro Se***

## **CONSENT ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

On October 7, 2025, the Coast Guard filed a Complaint against Troy Smith (Respondent) seeking three (3) months outright suspension of his Merchant Mariner Credential. Also on October 7, 2025, the Coast Guard filed a Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order, containing the Settlement Agreement to be approved as a settlement of this case under 33 C.F.R. § 20.502.<sup>1</sup>

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.

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<sup>1</sup> I note that the Complaint and Certificate of Service for Complaint, is dated September 19, 2025, Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order is dated October 7, 2025, and the Settlement Agreement is dated October 2, 2025. These documents were not filed with the ALJ Docketing Center until October 7, 2025. I find the difference in the dates to be a delay in filing and does not affect my granting of the Coast Guard's motion and approval of the 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 October 24, 2025

New York, NY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mehaaffey", is positioned above a horizontal line.

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