

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

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD,)	
Complainant,)	
)	Docket Number: 2026-0002
vs.)	
)	Enforcement Activity Number: 8276245
GALE JOSEPH GUIDRY,)	
Respondent.)	

CONSENT ORDER

Issued: March 3, 2026

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

Appearances:

For the Coast Guard

CWO Wesley Johnson
USCG Marine Safety Unit Houma

For the Respondent

Gale Joseph Guidry, *Pro se*

CONSENT ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

On February 27, 2026, the Coast Guard filed an Amended Complaint against Gale Joseph Guidry (Respondent) seeking a 24-month suspension of Respondent's Merchant Mariner Credential. On the same date, the Coast Guard filed a Motion for Approval of a Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order (Motion), containing the signed Settlement Agreement, 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.

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.

¹ The Settlement Agreement is signed and dated February 27, 2026, and was included with the Motion. However, due to a technical issue the Settlement Agreement was not filed with the ALJ Docketing Center until March 2, 2026. This was an unavoidable error and does not affect my approval of the Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order.

Done and dated March 3, 2026
New York, NY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer A. MehaFFEY". The signature is stylized with large, sweeping loops and a prominent initial "J".

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