

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
BEFORE THE MARINE EMPLOYEES' COMMISSION

INLANDBOATMEN'S UNION OF THE  
PACIFIC,

Complainant,

v.

WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES,

Respondent.

MEC Case No. 18-03

DECISION NO. 351 – MEC

ORDER DISMISSING  
ADJUSTED COMPLAINT

*Dennis Conklin*, Business Agent, appearing for and on behalf of the Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific.

Christine Gregoire, Attorney General, by *David Slown*, Assistant Attorney General, for and on behalf of Washington State Ferries.

THIS MATTER came on regularly before the Marine Employees' Commission (MEC) on October 23, 2002, when Dennis Conklin, Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific (IBU), filed an unfair labor practice complaint against the Washington State Ferries (WSF). The matter was docketed as MEC Case No. 18-03.

IBU's complaint charged WSF with engaging in unfair labor practices within the meaning of RCW 47.64.130(1) by interfering with, restraining or coercing employees in the exercise of rights. Specifically, IBU alleged that WSF prohibited Anacortes deck and terminal employees from wearing Union buttons stating, "I support Orcas workers." The Union maintained that prior to this action, WSF had allowed employees to wear buttons and Union logos for almost 30 years.

Following initial review of the complaint, the Commission determined that the facts alleged may constitute an unfair labor practice, if later found to be true and provable.

Commissioner John Byrne was designated to act as Hearing Examiner.

On October 30, 2002, MEC staff contacted Mr. Conklin to discuss dates for scheduling a settlement conference and hearing in the case. At that time, Mr. Conklin stated the issue was likely resolved and once confirmed, he would withdraw the complaint.

By letter on December 5, 2002, IBU Business Agent Dennis Conklin withdrew the unfair labor practice charge.

**ORDER**

It is hereby ordered that the unfair labor practice complaint, filed by IBU against WSF and docketed as MEC Case No. 18-03, be dismissed.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December 2002.

MARINE EMPLOYEES' COMMISSION

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JOHN NELSON, Chairman

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JOHN SULLIVAN, Commissioner

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JOHN BYRNE, Commissioner