

STATE OF WASHINGTON
BEFORE THE MARINE EMPLOYEES' COMMISSION

INLANDBOATMEN'S UNION
OF THE PACIFIC,

Complainant,

v.

WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES,

Respondent.

MEC CASE NO. 14-08

DECISION NO. 541 - MEC

ORDER CLOSING
SETTLED COMPLAINT

Schwerin, Campbell, Barnard and Iglitzin, by *Robert Lavitt*, Attorney, appearing for the Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific.

Robert McKenna, Attorney General, by *David Slown*, Assistant Attorney General, appearing for the Washington State Ferries.

THIS MATTER came on regularly before the Marine Employees' Commission (MEC) on February 12, 2008, when the Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific (IBU) filed an unfair labor practice complaint, MEC Case No. 14-08, against the Washington State Ferries (WSF).

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 and by refusing to bargain collectively with representatives of employees.

Specifically, IBU alleged that on the opening day of the 2007-2009 contract bargaining, WSF attempted to limit the size of IBU's bargaining team as a condition to further contract negotiations. The IBU requested expedited handling of the dispute.

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

settlement conference was scheduled for February 28, 2008 with Chairman John Swanson serving as Mediator.

The parties resolved the issue during the February 28, 2008 settlement conference. On March 3, the MEC received a letter from Robert Lavitt, IBU Counsel, withdrawing the complaint.

ORDER

It is hereby ordered that the unfair labor practice complaint, filed by IBU against WSF and docketed as MEC Case 14-08, is closed in acknowledgement of the IBU's withdrawal.

DATED this 15th day of March 2008.

MARINE EMPLOYEES' COMMISSION

/s /JOHN SWANSON, Chairman

/s/ JOHN SULLIVAN, Commissioner

/s/ PATRICIA WARREN, Commissioner