

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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In re:)	AWA Docket No. 07-0119
)	
WOLF HAVEN INTERNATIONAL,)	
a Washington corporation; SUSAN)	
BIERY SERGOJAN, an individual;)	
and MICHAEL PETERS, an individual,)	
)	CONSENT DECISION AS TO
Respondents.)	MICHAEL PETERS

This proceeding was instituted under the Animal Welfare Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (the "Act"), by a complaint filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, alleging that the respondents willfully violated the regulations and standards issued pursuant to the Act (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 et sm.). This decision is entered pursuant to the consent decision provisions of the Rules of Practice applicable to this proceeding (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

Respondent Michael Peters admits the jurisdictional allegations in the complaint and specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations, waives oral hearing and further procedure, and consents and agrees, for the purpose of settling this proceeding, to the entry of this decision. The complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

Findings of Fact

Michael Peters ("Peters") is an individual whose mailing address is 1710 Madrona BCH NW, Olympia, WA 98502. Between June 2004 and January 2005, said respondent was the President of respondent Wolf Haven, was a member of respondent Wolf Haven's board of directors, was, along with the other officers and directors, in a position of responsibility for ensuring compliance

with the Act and the Regulations and overseeing the performance of the Executive Director, and was acting for respondent Wolf Haven, pursuant to section 2139 of the Act (7 U.S.C. § 2139).

Conclusion

The respondent having admitted the jurisdictional facts and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision, such decision will be entered.

Order

1. Respondent Michael Peters, his agents and employees, successors and assigns, directly or through any corporate or other device, shall cease and desist from violating the Act and the regulations and standards issued thereunder.

2. Respondent Michael Peters is assessed a civil penalty of \$2,200, which shall be paid by certified check or money order made payable to the Treasurer of the United States.

The provisions of this order shall become effective immediately. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

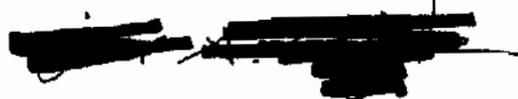


Michael Peters
Respondent



Colleen A. Carroll
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.
this 10 day of April, 2008



Jill S. Clifton
Administrative Law Judge