Evan Smith (Bar No. SBN 242352) BRODSKY SMITH 1 9595 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 900 2 Beverly Hills, CA 90212 Tel: (877) 534-2590 3 Fax: (310) 247-0160 4 DEC 1 1 2023 Attorneys for Plaintiff 5 CLERK OF THE COURT 6 Deputy Clark 7 8 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 9 **COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO** 10 DONATUS MCCOY, 11 Case No.: CGC-22-600785 Plaintiff, 12 **CONSENT JUDGMENT** V. Judge: Richard B. Ulmer 13 Dept.: 302 Hearing Date: December 11, 2023 Hearing Time: 9:30 AM SPORTSMAN'S WAREHOUSE, INC., 14 Complaint Filed: July 18, 2022 Defendant. 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

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1.1 The Parties. This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between Donatus McCoy acting on behalf of the public interest (hereinafter "McCoy") and Sportsman's Warehouse, Inc. ("Sportsman's Warehouse" or "Defendant") with McCoy and Defendant collectively referred to as the "Parties" and each of them as a "Party." McCoy is an individual residing in California that seeks to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals and improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances contained in consumer products. Sportsman's Warehouse is alleged to be a person in the course of doing business for purposes of Proposition 65, Cal. Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.6 et seq.

Allegations and Representations. McCoy alleges that Defendant has exposed 1.2 individuals to di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) from its sales of Caribou Gear® bags, UPC # 837654476468, without providing a clear and reasonable exposure warning pursuant to Proposition 65. DEHP is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

McCoy alleges that Defendant has exposed individuals to bisphenol A (BPA) from its sales of (a) Predator Quest® calls, UPC # 718122104710, (b) Field Proven Calls® duck calls, UPC # 855857003175, and (c) Bill Saunders® hunting calls, UPC # 689076121590, without providing a clear and reasonable exposure warning pursuant to Proposition 65. BPA is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

Notices of Violation/Action. On or about October 7, 2021, McCoy served Outdoor 1.3 Business Ventures, LLC, Sportsman's Warehouse, and various public enforcement agencies with documents entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d) (the "First October Notice"), alleging that Defendant violated Proposition 65 for failing to warn consumers and customers that use of Caribou Gear® bags, UPC # 837654476468, expose users in California to DEHP. No public enforcer has brought and is diligently prosecuting the claims alleged in the First October Notice.

On or about October 19, 2021, McCoy served Predator Quest, LLC, Ad-Visor, Sportsman's Warehouse, and various public enforcement agencies with documents entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d) (the "Second October Notice"), alleging that Defendant violated Proposition 65 for failing to warn consumers and customers that use of *Predator Quest*® calls, UPC # 718122104710, expose users in California to BPA. No public enforcer has brought and is diligently prosecuting the claims alleged in the Second October Notice.

On or about October 19, 2021, McCoy served Field Proven Calls, Inc., Sportsman's Warehouse, and various public enforcement agencies with documents entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d) (the "Third October Notice"), alleging that Defendant violated Proposition 65 for failing to warn consumers and customers that use of Field Proven Calls® duck calls, UPC # 855857003175, expose users in California to BPA. No public enforcer has brought and is diligently prosecuting the claims alleged in the Third October Notice.

On or about October 21, 2021, McCoy served Bill Saunders Calls and Gear, LLC, Quisling Media, Sportsman's Warehouse, and various public enforcement agencies with documents entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d) (the "Fourth October Notice"), alleging that Defendant violated Proposition 65 for failing to warn consumers and customers that use of *Bill Saunders*® hunting calls, UPC # 689076121590, expose users in California to BPA. No public enforcer has brought and is diligently prosecuting the claims alleged in the Fourth October Notice.

The First October Notice, Second October Notice, Third October Notice, and Fourth October Notice are collectively referred herein as the "Notices."

- 1.4 Action. On July 18, 2022, McCoy filed a complaint (the "Complaint").
- 1.5 For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that this Court has jurisdiction over Defendant as to the allegations contained in the Action filed in this matter, that venue is proper in the County of San Francisco, and that this Court has jurisdiction to approve, enter, and oversee the enforcement of this Consent Judgment as a full and final binding resolution

of all claims which were or could have been raised in the Action based on the facts alleged therein and in the Notices.

1.6 Defendant denies the material allegations contained in McCoy's Notices and Complaint and maintains that it has not violated Proposition 65. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be construed as an admission by Defendant of any fact, finding, issue of law, or violation of law; nor shall compliance with this Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as an admission by Defendant of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law, or violation of law, such being specifically denied by Defendant. However, this section shall not diminish or otherwise affect the obligations, responsibilities, and duties of Defendant under this Consent Judgment.

# 2. **DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1 Covered Products. The term "Covered Products" means (a) Caribou Gear® bags, UPC # 837654476468, (b) Predator Quest® calls, UPC # 718122104710, (c) Field Proven Calls® duck calls, UPC # 855857003175, and (d) Bill Saunders® hunting calls, UPC # 689076121590, that are manufactured, distributed, shipped into California and offered for sale in California by Sportsman's Warehouse.
- 2.2 **Effective Date.** The term "Effective Date" means the date this Consent Judgment is entered as a Judgment of the Court.

# 3. <u>INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: WARNINGS</u>

- 3.1 Clear and Reasonable Warning. As of the date this Consent Judgment is signed by both Parties, and continuing thereafter, a clear and reasonable exposure warning as set forth in this §§ 3.1 and 3.2 must be provided for all Covered Products that Defendant manufacturers, imports, distributes, sells, or offers for sale in California. There shall be no obligation for Defendant to provide a warning for Covered Products that enter the stream of commerce prior to the date this Consent Judgment is signed by both Parties. The warning shall consist of either the Warning or Alternative Warning described in §§ 3.1(a), (b), (c), and (d) respectively:
  - (a) Warning. For Caribou Gear® bags, UPC # 837654476468, the "Warning" shall consist of the statement:

- ⚠ WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), which is known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to <a href="https://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov">www.P65Warnings.ca.gov</a>.
- (b) Warning. For Predator Quest® calls, UPC # 718122104710, Field Proven Calls® duck calls, UPC # 855857003175, and Bill Saunders® hunting calls, UPC # 689076121590, the "Warning" shall consist of the statement:
  - ⚠ WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including bisphenol A (BPA), which is known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.
- (c) Alternative Warning: Sportsman's Warehouse may, but is not required to, use the alternative short-form warning as set forth in this § 3.1(c) for Caribou Gear® bags, UPC # 837654476468, ("Alternative Warning") as follows:
  - ⚠ WARNING: Cancer and Reproductive Harm www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.
- (d) Alternative Warning: Sportsman's Warehouse may, but is not required to, use the alternative short-form warning as set forth in this § 3.1(d) for *Predator Quest*® calls, UPC # 718122104710, *Field Proven Calls*® duck calls, UPC # 855857003175, and *Bill Saunders*® hunting calls, UPC # 689076121590, ("Alternative Warning") as follows:
  - ⚠ WARNING: Reproductive Harm www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.
- "WARNING:" in all capital letters and in bold font, followed by a colon. The warning symbol to the left of the word "WARNING:" must be a black exclamation point in a yellow equilateral triangle with a black outline, except that if the sign or label for the Covered Product does not use the color yellow, the symbol may be in black and white. The symbol must be in a size no smaller than the height of the word "WARNING:". The Warning or Alternative Warning shall be affixed to or printed on the Covered Product's packaging or labeling, or on a placard, shelf tag, sign or electronic device or automatic process, providing that the Warning or Alternative Warning is displayed with such conspicuousness, as compared with other words, statements, or designs as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary conditions of purchase or use. The Warning or Alternative Warning may be contained in the same section of

the packaging, labeling, or instruction booklet that states other safety warnings, if any, concerning the use of the Covered Product and shall be at least the same size as those other safety warnings.

In addition to affixing the Warning or Alternative Warning to the Covered Product's packaging or labeling, the Warning or Alternative Warning shall be posted on websites where Sportsman's Warehouse offers Products for sale to consumers in California. The requirements of this Section shall be satisfied if the Warning or Alternative Warning, or a clearly marked hyperlink using the word "WARNING," appears on the product display page, or by otherwise prominently displaying the warning to the purchaser prior to completing the purchase. To comply with this Section, Sportsman's Warehouse shall (a) post the Warning or Alternative Warning on its own website and, if it has the ability to do so, on the websites of its third-party internet sellers; and (b) if it does not have the ability to post the Warning or Alternative Warning on the websites of its third-party internet sellers, provide such sellers with written notice in accordance with Title 27, California Code of Regulations, § 25600.2. Third-party internet sellers of the Covered Product that have been provided with written notice in accordance with Title 27, California Code of Regulations, § 25600.2 are not released in Section 5 of this Agreement if they fail to meet the warning requirements herein.

Compliance with Warning Regulations. Defendant shall be deemed to be in compliance with this Consent Judgment by either adhering to §§ 3.1 and 3.2 of this Consent Judgment or by complying with warning requirements adopted by OEHHA applicable to the Covered Product and exposures at issue after the Effective Date. If consumer language information is provided in a foreign language, Sportsman's Warehouse shall provide the Warning in the foreign language.

#### 4. MONETARY TERMS

4.1 Civil Penalty. Sportsman's Warehouse shall pay \$1,000.00 as a Civil Penalty pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b), to be apportioned in accordance with California Health & Safety Code § 25192, with 75% of these funds remitted to OEHHA and the

1	remaining 25% of the Civil Penalty remitted to McCoy, as provided by California Health & Safet		
2	Code § 25249.12(d).		
3	4.1.1 Within ten (10) days of the Effective Date, Sportsman's Warehouse shall		
4	issue two separate checks for the Civil Penalty payment to (a) "OEHHA" in the amount of		
5	\$750.00; and to (b) "Donatus McCoy" in the amount of \$250.00. Payment owed to McCoy		
6	pursuant to this Section shall be delivered to the following payment address:		
7 8 9	Pale Curved DA 10004		
10	Payment owed to OEHHA (EIN: 68-0284486) pursuant to this Section shall be delivered directly		
11	to OEHHA (Memo Line "Prop 65 Penalties") at one of the following address(es):		
12	For United States Postal Service Delivery:		
13	Mike Gyurics Fiscal Operations Branch Chief		
14	Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment P.O. Box 4010		
15	Sacramento, CA 95812-4010		
16	For Non-United States Postal Service Delivery:		
17 18	Mike Gyurics Fiscal Operations Branch Chief Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment 1001 I Street		
19	Sacramento, CA 95814		
20	A copy of the check payable to OEHHA shall be mailed to Brodsky Smith at the address set forth		
21	above as proof of payment to OEHHA.		
22	4.2 Attorneys' Fees. Within ten (10) days of the Effective Date, Sportsman's		
23	Warehouse shall pay \$14,000.00 to Brodsky Smith ("Brodsky Smith") as complete reimbursement		
24	for McCoy's attorneys' fees and costs incurred as a result of investigating, bringing this matter t		
25	the attention of Sportsman's Warehouse, litigating and negotiating and obtaining judicial approval		
26	of a settlement in the public interest, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5.		
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#### 5. RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

- This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between McCoy 5.1 acting on his own behalf, and on behalf of the public interest, and Sportsman's Warehouse, and its parents, shareholders, members, directors, officers, managers, employees, representatives, agents, attorneys, divisions, subdivisions, subsidiaries, partners, sister companies, and affiliates, and their predecessors, successors and assigns ("Defendant Releasees"), and all entities from whom they obtain and to whom they directly or indirectly distribute or sell Covered Products, including but not limited to manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, wholesalers, customers, licensees retailers, including but not limited to, its parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates, franchisees, and cooperative members ("Downstream Releasees"), of all claims for violations of Proposition 65 based on exposure to DEHP and/or BPA from use of the Covered Products manufactured, distributed, or sold by Sportsman's Warehouse prior to the Effective Date as set forth in the Notices. It is the Parties' intention that this Consent Judgment shall have preclusive effect such that no other actions by private enforcers, whether purporting to act in his, her, or its interests or the public interest shall be permitted to pursue and take any action with respect to any violation of Proposition 65 based on exposure to DEHP and/or BPA from use of the Covered Products that was alleged in the Complaint, or that could have been brought pursuant to the Notices against Sportsman's Warehouse and the Downstream Releasees ("Proposition 65 Claims"). Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment constitutes compliance with Proposition 65 with regard to exposure to DEHP and/or BPA from use of the Covered Products.
- 5.2 In addition to the foregoing, McCoy, on behalf of himself, his past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, and successors and assignees, and <u>not</u> in his representative capacity, hereby waives all rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action and releases Sportsman's Warehouse, Defendant Releasees, and Downstream Releasees from any and all manner of actions, causes of action, claims, demands, rights, suits, obligations, debts, contracts, agreements, promises, liabilities, damages, charges, losses, costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees, of any nature whatsoever, known or unknown, in law or equity, fixed

or contingent, now or in the future, with respect to any alleged violations of Proposition 65 related to or arising from Covered Products manufactured, distributed, or sold by Sportsman's Warehouse, Defendant Releasees or Downstream Releasees. With respect to the foregoing waivers and releases in this paragraph, McCoy hereby specifically waives any and all rights and benefits which he now has, or in the future may have, conferred by virtue of the provisions of § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides as follows:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.

5.3 Sportsman's Warehouse waives any and all claims against McCoy, his attorneys and other representatives, for any and all actions taken, or statements made (or those that could have been taken or made) by McCoy and his attorneys and other representatives, whether in the course of investigating claims or otherwise seeking enforcement of Proposition 65 against it in this matter, and with respect to Covered Products.

# 6. <u>INTEGRATION</u>

6.1 This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement of the Parties and any and all prior negotiations and understandings related hereto shall be deemed to have been merged within it. No representations or terms of agreement other than those contained herein exist or have been made by any Party with respect to the other Party or the subject matter hereof.

# 7. GOVERNING LAW

7.1 The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State of California and apply within the State of California. In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed or is otherwise rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally, or as to Covered Products, then Defendant shall have no further obligations pursuant to this Consent Judgment with respect to, and to the extent that, Covered Products are so affected.

1	8. <u>NOTICES</u>		
2	8.1 Unless specified herein, all correspondence and notices required to be provided		
3	pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be in writing and personally delivered or sent by: (i) first-		
4	class, (registered or certified mail) return receipt requested; or (ii) overnight courier on any party		
5	by the other party at the following addresses:		
6	For Defendant:		
7	Kevin J. Grochow, Esq.		
8	Kutak Rock LLP 5 Park Plaza, Ste. 1500 Irvine, CA 92614		
10	And		
11	For McCoy:		
12	Evan Smith		
13	Brodsky Smith 9595 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 900 Beverly Hills, CA 90212		
14	Any party, from time to time, may specify in writing to the other party a change of address to		
15	which all notices and other communications shall be sent.		
16	9. COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE SIGNATURES		
17	9.1 This Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and by facsimile, each of		
18	which shall be deemed an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one and		
19	the same document.		
20	10. COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(f)/COURT		
21	APPROVAL		
22	10.1 McCoy agrees to comply with the requirements set forth in California Health &		
23	Safety Code § 25249.7(f) and to promptly bring a Motion for Approval of this Consent Judgment.		
24	Defendant agrees it shall support approval of such Motion.		
25	10.2 This Consent Judgment shall not be effective until it is approved and entered by the		
26	Court and shall be null and void if, for any reason, it is not approved by the Court. In such case, the		
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Parties agree to meet and confer on how to proceed and if such agreement is not reached within 30 days, the case shall proceed on its normal course.

10.3 If the Court approves this Consent Judgment and is reversed or vacated by an appellate court, the Parties shall meet and confer as to whether to modify the terms of this Consent Judgment. If the Parties do not jointly agree on a course of action to take, the case shall proceed on its normal course on the trial court's calendar.

#### 11. MODIFICATION

11.1 This Consent Judgment may be modified only by further stipulation of the Parties and the approval of the Court or upon the granting of a motion brought to the Court by either Party.

# 12. ATTORNEY'S FEES

- 12.1 A Party who unsuccessfully brings or contests an action arising out of this Consent Judgment shall be required to pay the prevailing party's reasonable attorney's fees and costs.
- 12.2 Nothing in this Section shall preclude a Party from seeking an award of sanctions pursuant to law.

# 13. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

13.1 This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to implement or modify the Consent Judgment.

# 14. <u>AUTHORIZATION</u>

14.1 The undersigned are authorized to execute this Consent Judgment on behalf of their respective Parties and have read, understood, and agree to all of the terms and conditions of this document and certify that he or she is fully authorized by the Party he or she represents to execute the Consent Judgment on behalf of the Party represented and legally bind that Party. Except as explicitly provided herein each Party is to bear its own fees and costs.

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