

HONORABLE RICARDO S. MARTINEZ

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

WANECHEK MINK RANCH, and SMITH
MINK RANCH CORPORATION, on behalf of
themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ALASKA BROKERAGE INTERNATIONAL,
et al.,

Defendants.

No. C06-0089 RSM

RULE 54(b) FINAL JUDGMENT
ORDER RE: CLASS ACTION
SETTLEMENT

The Court, having considered Plaintiffs' Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement with Defendants Delta Trading Corporation; Dean Brenner; Klondike International Furs, Limited; Leonard Tax; Irving Tax; Allen Tax; Richard Tax; Mechutan Fur Corporation; David Mechutan; Steven Mechutan; Jay Mechutan; Alvin Glickman, Inc.; Alvin Glickman; Hurwitz Exports, Ltd.; Steven Hurwitz; Polar Furs, Ltd.; ("Defendants") and having held a duly-noticed final approval hearing on February 14, 2011.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED as follows:

1. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this litigation.
2. Terms used in this Final Judgment Order that are defined in the Settlement

Agreement between the Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class on the one hand and Defendants on

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1 the other hand dated August 2, 2010, unless otherwise defined herein, have the same meanings in
2 this Final Judgment Order as in the Settlement Agreement.

3 3. The Court finds that the settlement was attained following an extensive
4 investigation of the facts. It resulted from vigorous arm's-length negotiations, which were
5 undertaken in good faith by counsel with significant experience litigating antitrust class actions.

6 4. The Court finds that due and adequate notice was provided pursuant to Rule 23 of
7 the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to all members of the Settlement Class certified herein,
8 notifying the Settlement Class of, *inter alia*, the pendency of the above-captioned action and the
9 proposed settlement with Defendants. The notice provided was the best notice practicable under
10 the circumstances and included individual notice by first class mail to all members of the
11 Settlement Class who could be identified through reasonable effort as well as notice published in
12 the national edition of *The Wall Street Journal* and on the Internet. Notice fully complied in all
13 respects with the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and due
14 process.

15 5. The Court finds that notice of the settlement was properly provided to all persons
16 entitled to receive such notice, including federal and state attorneys general, in full compliance
17 with the Class Action Fairness Act.

18 6. The Court certifies the following Settlement Class (the "Settlement Class"):

19 All sellers of Furs who sold Furs at the American Legend Auction
20 in Seattle, Washington, and whose Furs were purchased by any of
21 the Defendants or their subsidiaries or affiliates (including all
22 predecessors thereof) at any time during the period from June 1,
2000 to June 1, 2004. Excluded from the Settlement Class are
governmental entities and the Defendants, or their subsidiaries or
affiliates (including all predecessors thereof).

23 7. The Court finds that certification of the Settlement Class is appropriate because:

24 a. The Settlement Class is so numerous that joinder of all members is
25 impracticable, satisfying the requirement of Rule 23(a)(1);
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- 1 b. There are questions of law or fact common to the Settlement Class,
2 satisfying the requirement of Rule 23(a)(2);
- 3 c. Wanechek Mink Ranch and Smith Mink Ranch Corporation (“Plaintiffs”)
4 are appointed class representatives for the Settlement Class. Plaintiffs’
5 claims are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class, satisfying the
6 requirement of Rule 23(a)(3);
- 7 d. The Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the
8 Settlement Class, satisfying the requirements of Rule 23(a)(4); and
- 9 e. For purposes of settlement only, questions of law or fact common to the
10 members of the Settlement Class predominate over questions affecting
11 only individual members and a class action is superior to other methods
12 available for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy,
13 satisfying the requirements of Rule 23(b)(3).

14 8. The Court finds that the persons and entities identified on the schedule attached
15 hereto as Exhibit “A,” and no others, have timely requested to be excluded from the Settlement
16 Class and accordingly are not included in or bound by the Final Judgment being entered pursuant
17 to this Order.

18 9. The Court finds that the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable and adequate to
19 the Settlement Class.

20 10. All Released Claims of Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class that were asserted
21 against Defendants in the Amended and Consolidated Class Action Complaint are dismissed
22 with prejudice, and, except as provided for in the Settlement Agreement, without costs.

23 11. Upon the occurrence of the Effective Date of the settlement, the Releasees shall
24 be completely released, acquitted, and forever discharged from any and all claims, demands,
25 actions, suits, and causes of action, damages, liabilities of any nature, including costs, expenses,
26 penalties, and attorneys’ fees, whether class, individual, or otherwise in nature, that Releasers, or

1 any one of them, ever had, now has, or hereafter can, shall, or may have directly,
2 representatively, derivatively or in any other capacity against the Releasees or any of them,
3 whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, in law or equity, on account of or arising
4 out of or resulting from the sale of Furs in the United States during the Class Period or from
5 conduct that occurred prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement concerning the sale of Furs in
6 the United States, based in whole or in part of the facts, occurrences, transactions, or other
7 matters alleged in the Amended and Consolidated Class Action Complaint filed in the Action
8 (including any allegations of collusion among Defendants and/or any other purchasers of Furs in
9 the United States relating to the purchase of Furs in the United States), and which arise under any
10 federal or state antitrust, unfair competition, unfair practices, price discrimination, unitary
11 pricing, trade practice, or civil conspiracy law, including, without limitation, the Sherman
12 Antitrust Act, 15 U.S.C. §1 *et seq.* (the “Released Claims”).

13 12. Each member of the Settlement Class shall not, after the Effective Date of the
14 Settlement Agreement, seek to institute, maintain, prosecute or continue to maintain or prosecute
15 any suit or action, or collect from or proceed against the Releasees, based on the Released
16 Claims.

17 13. Defendants shall have no obligation for attorneys’ fees, costs or expenses,
18 including, but not limited to, expenses of administering and distributing the Settlement Fund,
19 which expenses are to be paid out of the Settlement Fund subject to further order of this Court.

20 14. This Order and the Final Judgment do not settle or compromise any claims by
21 Plaintiffs or the Settlement Class against any other Defendant or person or entity other than the
22 Releasees, and all rights against any other Defendant or other person or entity are specifically
23 reserved.

24 15. Nothing in this Final Judgment Order or the Settlement Agreement and no aspect
25 of the settlement or negotiation thereof is or shall be deemed or construed to be an admission or
26 concession of any violation of any statute or law or of any liability or wrongdoing by Defendants

1 or of the truth of any of the claims or allegations in any of the complaints in the Action or any
2 other pleading, and evidence thereof shall not be discoverable or used, directly or indirectly, in
3 any way, whether in the Action or in any other action or proceeding, other than to enforce the
4 terms of this Final Judgment Order or the Settlement Agreement.

5 16. The Court further finds that the escrow account described in the Settlement
6 Agreement is a qualified settlement fund (“QSF”) pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section
7 468B and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder.

8 17. Without affecting the finality of the Final Judgment in any way, this Court hereby
9 retains continuing jurisdiction for the purposes of, *inter alia*, implementing and enforcing the
10 Settlement Agreement (including any issue that may arise in connection with the formation
11 and/or administration of the QSF), and entering orders regarding the disbursement of the
12 Settlement Fund.

13 18. The Court expressly finds, pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil
14 Procedure, that there is no just reason for delay, and expressly directs the entry of Final
15 Judgment as to Defendants.

16 SO ORDERED.

17 DATED: February 22, 2011.

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20 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ
21 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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