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2 3 5 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 8 FISH LLC, a Delaware limited liability IN ADMIRALTY AND AT LAW 9 company, 10 Plaintiff, No. 2:17-cv-00245-JCC 11 v. STIPULATION FOR FILING 12 HARBOR MARINE MAINTENANCE & AMENDED COMPLAINT AND SUPPLY, INC., a Washington corporation, ORDER 13 Defendant. 14 15 HARBOR MARINE MAINTENANCE & SUPPLY, INC., a Washington corporation, 16 Third-Party Plaintiff, 17 ٧. 18 ZANE WHITE, 19 Third-Party Defendant. 20 21 **STIPULATION** The parties hereto, plaintiff Fish LLC and defendant/third-party plaintiff Harbor Marine 22 Maintenance & Supply, Inc., by and through their undersigned counsel of record, hereby 23 stipulate and agree as follows: 24 1. In its complaint, Fish LLC asserted both this Court's admiralty and diversity 25 jurisdiction and asserted a designation of its claims under Fed. R. Civ. P. 9(h). (See Dkt. No. 1 STIPULATION FOR FILING AMENDED COMPLAINT AND ORDER - 1 BAUER MOYNIHAN & JOHNSON LLP 2101 FOURTH AVENUE - SUITE 2400 SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98121-2320

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at 1-2.) Fish LLC wishes to have its claims tried before a jury pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 38, and to avoid any uncertainty in that respect Fish LLC seeks to amend its complaint to rescind the Rule 9(h) designation and to demand a trial by jury. The initial status conference for this case is scheduled for May 23, 2017. (*See* Dkt. No. 4.) As this case is in its very early stages, trial has not yet been set, discovery has not commenced, and no prejudice to Harbor Marine Maintenance & Supply, Inc. has occurred, the parties agree that plaintiffs may file an amended complaint as set forth in Exhibit A hereto without a Rule 9(h) designation and with a jury demand. In so agreeing, Harbor Marine Maintenance & Supply, Inc. reserves all its defenses and does not waive any arguments it has or may have with respect to plaintiffs' asserted right to a jury trial.

- 2. In addition, in answer to Fish LLC's complaint, Harbor Marine Maintenance & Supply, Inc. has filed a counterclaim against Fish LLC and a third-party complaint against Zane White, the asserted sole member of Fish LLC. Fish LLC's undersigned counsel has agreed to accept service of process of the third-party complaint against Zane White, an asserted citizen and resident of Wyoming. However, to simplify the posture of this case, the parties have agreed to add Zane White as an additional plaintiff under Fed. R. Civ. P. 19(a) to allow complete relief among the existing parties as set forth in Exhibit A hereto. Joinder of Zane White as an additional plaintiff will not deprive this Court of subject matter jurisdiction as there continues to be complete diversity of citizenship of the parties as alleged in the proposed amended complaint. Harbor Marine Maintenance & Supply, Inc. agrees to amend its third-party complaint to restyle it as a counterclaim against Zane White. In so agreeing, the parties reserve all their rights and defenses to all claims, counterclaims and third-party claims.
- 3. Pursuant to LCR 10(g) and LCR 15, attached as Exhibit A is Plaintiffs' proposed Amended Complaint with changes shown. Upon acceptance by this Court of the stipulation set forth above as requested by the parties, plaintiffs will file their Amended Complaint within ten days thereafter.

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DATED this 19th day of April, 2017. 2 BAUER MOYNIHAN & JOHNSON LLP 3 /s/ Matthew C. Crane Matthew C. Crane, WSBA No. 18003 /s/ Robert D. Sykes 5 Robert D. Sykes, WSBA No. 49635 Attorneys for Plaintiff Fish LLC and Third-Party Defendant Zane White DATED this 19th day of April, 2017. NICOLL BLACK & FEIG PLLC 9 /s/ W. L. Rivers Black (per authorization) W. L. Rivers Black, WSBA No. 13386 10 /s/ Jeremy B. Jones (per authorization) 11 Jeremy B. Jones, WSBA No. 44138 Attorneys for Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff 12 Harbor Marine Maintenance & Supply, Inc. 13 14 **ORDER** 15 It is so Ordered. 16 17 18 19 20 21 John C. Coughenour 22 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE 23 24 25

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