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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

8 SHIQUAN FENNELL,
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10 Plaintiff,

11 vs.

12 PACIFIC MARITIME
ASSOCIATION, *et al.*,
13 Defendants.

No. C16-5933RSL

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO
EXTEND DEADLINE FOR JOINING
PARTIES

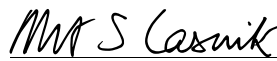
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16 This matter comes before the court on plaintiff's "Motion to Extend Deadline for
17 Joining Additional Parties." Dkt. # 42.¹ Defendant Pacific Maritime Association
18 ("PMA") has denied that it is plaintiff's employer, asserting that it is "a multi-employer
19 collective-bargaining agent for its member companies, who employ ILWU-represented
20 longshore workers" such as plaintiff. Dkt. # 47 at 2. PMA declined to identify plaintiff's
21 employer, however, so he has initiated discovery to seek that information in order to
22 pursue his Uniform Services Employment & Reemployment Rights Act ("USERRA")
23 and Washington Law Against Discrimination ("WLAD") claims. Plaintiff seeks an
24 extension until June 5, 2017, to receive responses from PMA and to identify his
25 employer.

26 ¹ Plaintiff's request for alternative relief – that the International Longshore and Warehouse Union be added as a
defendant – has been granted.

1 PMA asserts that plaintiff has long been aware of the dispute regarding the
2 identity of his employer, that he has records in his possession sufficient to identify the
3 employer(s), and/or that plaintiff does not intend to add additional defendants even if the
4 employers were identified. The first argument is uncontested: the parties recognized that
5 there was a dispute and agreed in their Joint Status Report that June 5, 2017, was a
6 reasonable deadline for joining additional parties. Dkt. # 29 at 1. The second and third
7 arguments are unsupported.

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9 In light of PMA's refusal to identify plaintiff's employers and the relevance of that
10 information to his USERRA and WLAD claims, an extension of time in which to conduct
11 discovery is appropriate. Plaintiff's motion is GRANTED. The deadline for joining
12 parties is hereby extended to June 5, 2017.

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14 Dated this 3rd day of April, 2017.

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16 Robert S. Lasnik

17 United States District Judge
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