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IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
New Appeal**Appeal No. A-1-HUM-22-0063 (Nordic Aquafarms California, Humboldt Co.).**

Appeals by (1) 350 Humboldt; (2) Redwood Region Audubon Society; (3) Salmonid Restoration Federation; (4) Alison Willy; and (5) Scott Frazer of decision of County of Humboldt granting permit with conditions to Nordic Aquafarms California, LLC to demolish and remediate former pulp mill facility and construct land-based finfish recirculating aquaculture system facility including 5 new buildings totaling ~700,500 sq. ft., with 4.8 MW roof-mounted solar array, paved parking, fire access roads, security fencing, stormwater management features, and use of ~0.5 million gallons per day of freshwater provided by the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, at Redwood Marine Terminal II, Samoa, Humboldt County.

Hearing Date. This matter will be considered by the Coastal Commission on December 13, 2023 as agenda item **W11a**. The Commission Meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m.

Availability of Staff report. A copy of the staff report on this matter is available at www.coastal.ca.gov/mtgcurr.html. Click on the Wednesday tab and scroll down to agenda item W11a.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WILL BE A HYBRID MEETING, WITH BOTH VIRTUAL AND IN PERSON PARTICIPATION ALLOWED. Please see the Coastal Commission's Hybrid Hearing Procedures posted on the Coastal Commission's webpage at www.coastal.ca.gov/mtgcurr.html for details on the procedures of this hearing. If you would like to receive a paper copy of these procedures or have any questions about the hearing, please email ExecutiveStaff@coastal.ca.gov or call 415-904-5202.

The in-person hearing will be held at the **Dream Inn, 175 W. Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz, CA 95060**. The Commission still strongly encourages continued participation virtually through video and teleconferencing to reduce our carbon footprint. **To view the live stream of the hearing, please visit <https://cal-span.org/>**

How to provide written comments for this hearing. To submit written materials for review by the Commission, either email (via NorthCoast@coastal.ca.gov) or submit such materials to Commission staff no later than 5pm on the Friday before the hearing. (Staff will then distribute your materials to the Commission.) Note that such materials received after this time will not be distributed to the Commission. Alternatively, you may also submit such materials directly to the Commissioners (a current list of Commissioner names and email addresses is available from

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Commission staff or from the Commission's website) as long as such materials are submitted to all Commissioners, all alternates for Commissioners, the three non-voting members of the Commission, and Commission staff. We request that you mail the materials so that the Commissioners and staff receive the materials no later than Thursday of the week before the Commission meeting. No matter how comments are submitted, you are requested to summarize the reasons for your position in no more than two or three pages, if possible.

How to provide oral testimony. You may sign up to provide oral testimony on the Commission's website at www.coastal.ca.gov/mtgcurr.html by selecting the "Submit Speak Request Here" option above the agenda.

Allotted Time for Testimony. Oral testimony may be limited to 3 minutes or less for each speaker depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard.

Additional Procedures. Section 30625(b) of the Coastal Act requires the Commission to hear an appeal unless the Commission determines that no substantial issue is raised by the appeal. The Commission will hear arguments and vote on whether the appeals raise a substantial issue. The only persons qualified to testify orally before the Commission are the applicants, persons who opposed the application before the local government (or their representatives), and the local government. Testimony from other persons must be submitted in writing.

If the Commission determines that an appeal does not raise a substantial issue, the local government's action on the coastal development permit is final, and there will be no 'de novo' phase of the appeal hearing. If the Commission determines that an appeal raises a substantial issue, the Commission will continue the de novo portion of the hearing on that appeal to a subsequent Commission meeting. Anyone may testify on the merits of the proposal during the de novo phase. People wishing to testify during the de novo phase may appear at the hearing or may present their concerns by letter to the Commission on or before the hearing date.

No one can predict how quickly the Commission will complete agenda items or how many will be postponed to a later date. The Commission begins each session at the time listed and considers each item in order, except in extraordinary circumstances. Staff at the appropriate Commission office can give you more information prior to the hearing date.

Questions? Questions regarding this agenda item should be directed to Melissa Kraemer in the Arcata Office (Office: 1385 8th Street, Suite 130, Arcata, CA 95521, Email: Melissa.Kraemer@coastal.ca.gov, Phone: 707-826-8950 ext. 209).