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**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT EIR**

**PROJECT TITLE: Coast Seafoods Company Humboldt Bay Shellfish Aquaculture Permit
Renewal and Expansion Project (SCH# 2015082051)**

Notice is hereby given that the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District (Harbor District), as the Lead Agency, has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Coast Seafoods Company Humboldt Bay Shellfish Aquaculture Permit Renewal and Expansion Project. This notice is provided pursuant to noticing requirements found in the CEQA (Public Resources Code Sec. 21092), and the State CEQA Guidelines (Guidelines Sec. 15087).

PROJECT LOCATION: North and central portions of Humboldt Bay, Humboldt County, California

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project involves: (1) extending regulatory approvals for Coast's existing approximate 300 acres of shellfish culture, with the exception of a 5.5-acre area where farming will be discontinued; (2) increasing shellfish culture within an already permitted floating upwelling system by adding eight culture bins; and (3) permitting an additional 622 acres of intertidal culture area. Within a maximum of 522 acres, a cultch-on-longline method would be used. Spacing between the lines would be five (5) feet between longlines with a ten (10) foot row between shellfish beds. Basket-on-longline culture would be used on a maximum of 96 acres with three (3) lines spaced five (5) feet apart, with an open row of twenty (20) feet, and then repeated. Rack-and-bag culture would be used on a maximum of four (4) acres and would not be placed within ten (10) feet of an existing eelgrass bed. The Project only involves culture of the same species that Coast currently cultures (Kumamoto oyster, Pacific oyster and Manila clam). The project would occur entirely in areas currently leased by Coast in Humboldt Bay and that are part of Coast's historic operational footprint in the bay.

PROJECT IMPACTS: The DEIR identifies potential significant effects in the following areas: cultural and archeological resources, biological resources, air quality, and hazards and hazardous materials. Implementation of mitigation measures identified in the DEIR would reduce these potentially significant effects to a less than significant level.

COMMENT PERIOD: The DEIR and its technical studies are available for the CEQA required 45-day public review and comment period from October 26, 2015 through December 10, 2015. Written **Comments must be received no later than 4 p.m. on December 10, 2015** (or, if applicable, within 45 days after your receipt of the NOA as indicated by certified mail, whichever is later). Submit written comments to:

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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: Copies of the DEIR are available for review at the following locations and on the Harbor District's website: www.humboldtby.org:

Harbor District Offices
601 Startare Drive, Eureka, CA 95501

Humboldt County Library – Main Branch
1313 3rd Street, Eureka, CA 95501