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**HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN that California Trout (CalTrout) has applied for a permit from the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District for the Elk River Estuary Restoration Project - Planning Area 1 (Permit Application 2025-05). This notice is being given consistent with District Ordinances and the Harbors and Navigation Code. Staff will follow standard procedures to review and evaluate the project. Following that analysis, the permit will go before the Board for a decision.

The Project is one phase of a broader watershed-scale initiative to improve water quality and rehabilitate critical habitats for salmonids and other estuarine species in the Elk River watershed. Approximately 206 acres of the total 857-acre Planning Area 1, is tidally influenced. Developed through the Elk River Watershed Stewardship Program, the Project seeks to restore ecosystem function, reduce nuisance flooding, and rehabilitate habitat for threatened and endangered fish species. The Project also expands riparian habitat and improves the overall ecosystem health in the Elk River. In addition to ecological benefits, the Project includes public access improvements such as new trails, wildlife viewing platforms, and non-motorized boat launches to support recreation, education, and community engagement.

The Project includes removing or upgrading drainage infrastructure, reducing or removing levees, breaching an abandoned railroad grade, restoring tidal sloughs and creek channels, and improving their connectivity to the mainstem. It also creates backwater features for seasonal waterfowl and winter salmonid rearing habitat, manages invasive vegetation, expands native plant communities, and recontours portions of the floodplain to guide winter flows across the floodplain and back into the slough channel network.

The exact location and nature of the proposed project are on file in the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District office, 601 Startare Drive, Woodley Island Marina, Eureka, CA 95501 and <https://humboldtbay.org/public-notices-announcements-information>. Interested parties are invited to submit in writing any comments relative to the proposed activity to the District office or to districtplanner@humboldtbay.org. Written comments should be submitted no later than thirty (30) days from the date of this notice.