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

**NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN** that Humboldt Bay Oyster Company (HBOC) applied for a Harbor District Permit for the Humboldt Bay Oyster Company Shellfish Farm Project (Permit 2023-04). 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 for or against approval.

Humboldt Bay Oyster Company (HBOC) currently farms Pacific oysters (*Crassostrea gigas*) and Kumamoto oysters (*C. sikamea*) in Humboldt Bay, California. The HBOC Farm Project has three distinct phases, each phase is necessary for a specific life stage of the oysters. Oyster seeds are first matured in a subtidal floating upwell system (FLUPSY) located at Woodley Island Marina; then subtidal rafts in Mad River Slough; and finally they are grown to market size using intertidal rack-and-bag culture in north Humboldt Bay. HBOC is seeking approval for (1) existing farm operations; (2) farming within a proposed expansion area; and (3) the use of an additional intertidal culture method known as "Longline Culture".

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 or requests for a public hearing relative to the proposed activity to the District office or [districtplanner@humboldtbay.org](mailto:districtplanner@humboldtbay.org). Written comments should be submitted no later than thirty (30) days from the date of this notice.