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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

This is to inform the public and interested agencies that in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District is circulating the draft Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration for public comment.

Project Title: Humboldt Bay Oyster Company Shellfish Farm

Lead Agency: Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District (HBHRCD)
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Project Location: The Project areas are located in Mad River Slough and Humboldt Bay, California (APNs 506-191-008, 506-181-001, 506-121-001, 400-181-006, 400-181-005, 405-031-009)

General Plan Land Use Designation The General Plan designation for Project sites are Agriculture Exclusive (AE)/ Natural Resources (NR)/ Water (W) by the County of Humboldt and Woodley Island/Coastal by the City of Eureka

Zoning The Project is on land zoned by County of Humboldt as Agriculture Exclusive/Natural Resources/Water and by City of Eureka as Woodley Island/Coastal

Project Description: Humboldt Bay Oyster Company (HBOC) currently farms Pacific oysters (*Crassostrea gigas*) and Kumamoto oysters (*Magallana sikimea*) to maturity as well as Manila clams (*Venerupis philippinarum*) for seed in Humboldt Bay, California. The farm was established in 1978 and HBOC purchased it from Kuiper Mariculture in 2002. The proposed project seeks approval for (1) its existing FLUPSY at Woodley Island Marina, raft culture in Mad River Slough, and rack and bag culture methods within existing 17.8 acre farming area in north Humboldt Bay, (2) farming within two proposed expansion areas near-by (3.1-acre Expansion Area 1 and 10.8-acre Expansion Area 2), and (3) the use of an additional intertidal culture method known as "Longline Culture" at existing and proposed expansion sites. Based on the findings of the Initial Study, it has been determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment with the incorporation of proposed mitigation measures.

The Initial Study/ proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) will be available for the public's review and comment beginning February 2, 2026, at HBHRCD's office at 601 Startare Drive in Eureka, online at <https://humboldtbay.org/public-notices-announcements-information>, or upon request from HBHRCD at (707) 443-0801. Written comments are due at 601 Startare Drive, Eureka, CA 95501 or districtplanner@humboldtbay.org by **4 p.m. March 4, 2026**.