

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
HUMBOLDT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

On **Thursday, July 28, 2022**, at **6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, the Humboldt County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Supervisors' Chamber, Humboldt County Courthouse, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, California, and virtually via Zoom to consider the matter listed below.

HOW TO LISTEN OR WATCH THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

Listen or Watch the live stream of the Planning Commission Meeting in three ways:

1. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83919694648> Password: 238970
2. Call in via telephone at 346 248-7799, enter meeting id 839 1969 4648 Password: 238970
3. A live stream of the meeting can be found by using the following link:
<https://humboldt.legistar.com> or by watching Access Humboldt on cable TV

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS DURING THE MEETING:

Participate in the public comment period of the meeting in the following three ways:

1. **In Person:** Any person may appear and present testimony in regard to this matter at the hearing located in the Board of Supervisors' Chamber, Humboldt County Courthouse, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, California. The Planning Commission needs 15 COPIES of any materials submitted at the meeting.
2. **Via Computer as an attendee:** To raise your hand click the Raise Hand icon on the bottom of the Zoom window. When you click the Raise Hand icon, a hand icon will appear next to your name that will notify the host your hand is raised. You will also see the hand icon turn green. When you want to lower your hand, you can click the hand icon again and your hand will be lowered. When you are called upon to speak the Zoom platform will ask you for permission to unmute your mic. **If you encounter any issues, please use the call-in option below.**
3. **Via phone call using cellphone or landline:** When the Planning Commission meeting begins, call in to the conference line. When the Planning Commissioner starts to discuss the item you wish to comment on, **Press *9 to raise your hand**. When you are called upon to speak, you will be prompted to unmute your mic, press ***6 to unmute**.

PUBLIC COMMENT PRIOR TO THE MEETING:

Public comments may be submitted via email to planningclerk@co.humboldt.ca.us. Please provide the project title, record or case number and date of the hearing. The deadline for submitting written comments is **12:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, 2022**. After the deadline, written comments may be submitted to the commission in person during the meeting. Verbal comments may be made in person, or on zoom. Comments received after the agenda is posted on **Friday, July 22, 2022**, can be found at the "Attachments" section of the "Meeting Details" link next to the posted Agenda at: <https://humboldt.legistar.com>, and will be included with the administrative record. If you do not have access to email, contact the planning clerk at 707-268-3702. Please note that each Zoom meeting has a unique meeting ID and password. Any item on this agenda that is continued to a future date will use the meeting ID and password applicable to the date the agenda item is to be heard again.

Nordic Aquafarms California, LLC; Samoa area; Record Number PLN-2020-16698 (filed 10-05-20); Assessor's Parcel Number: 401-112-021. The applicant (Nordic Aquafarms California, LLC. (NAFC)) is requesting a Coastal Development Permit and Special Permit for the demolition and remediation of the Freshwater Tissue Samoa Pulp Mill facility and the construction of a land-based finfish recirculating aquaculture system (RAS) facility. This includes the development of five buildings totaling approximately 766,530 square feet and the installation of 4.8 megawatt (MW) solar panel array mounted on building rooftops, covering approximately 690,000 square feet. A Special Permit is required pursuant to Section 313-109.1.5.2 for an exception to the loading space requirements. The height of the tallest proposed building is 60 feet. The aquaculture facility would produce fresh head on gutted fish and fillets for delivery to regional markets. The species to be produced at the facility is intended to be Atlantic Salmon, pending approval from CDFW. The Project will include ancillary support features such as paved parking, fire access roads, security fencing, and stormwater management features. The Project would require approximately 2.5 million gallons per day (MGD) of freshwater and industrial water provided by the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, sourced from the Mad River. Existing on-site water service supplied by the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District would be connected to the new buildings for potable use, fire sprinklers, and irrigation. The Project would require approximately 10 MGD of salt water, which will be provided by upgraded water intake infrastructure located adjacent to the NAFC Project Site, on Humboldt Bay. Treated wastewater would be discharged utilizing the existing Redwood Marine Terminal II ocean outfall pipe, which extends one and a half miles offshore. A total of 12.5 MGD would be released daily. An Environmental Impact Report (SCH#2021040532) has been prepared for the Project finding that there are no significant unavoidable environmental impacts which cannot be mitigated to a level of less than significant. The Planning Commission will consider the certification of the EIR, adopting findings that the EIR has been prepared consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act, adopt findings that the Project is consistent with Humboldt County policies and regulations, adopt a mitigation monitoring and reporting plan, and approve a Coastal Development Permit and Special Permit for the land based development of the Project. **Beginning on or before July 1, 2022, the Final EIR will be available for review online at <https://humboldt.gov/3218/Nordic-Aquafarms-Project>.** This Project is located in Humboldt County, in the Samoa area, on both sides of Vance Avenue, approximately 2,000 feet north from the intersection of Vance Avenue and Bay Street, on the property known as 364 Vance Avenue. Questions regarding this Project can be directed to the assigned Planner, Cade McNamara at 707-445-7541 or via email at cmcnamara@co.humboldt.ca.us.

Consistent with the above instructions for public comment, any person may appear and present testimony regarding this matter during the hearing. If you challenge the nature of the proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at or prior to the public hearing. The Planning Commission's decision will become effective if an appeal is not filed within the appropriate filing period. An appeal may be filed by any aggrieved person who has testified in person or in writing on the project and must be submitted in writing with the required fees to the Planning Division of the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department at 3015 H Street, Eureka, California 95501, before the end of the appeal period. If appealed, the decision will not become effective until the appeal is resolved.

General questions regarding the Planning Commission, the permit process, submission of materials and other information not specific to this project may be obtained from the Planning Division of the Humboldt

County Planning and Building Department, 3015 H Street, Eureka, California 95501, or email planningclerk@co.humboldt.ca.us. Telephone (707) 268-3702.

The County of Humboldt is committed to providing equal access to all county programs, services, and activities through the provision of accommodations for individuals with disabilities as required under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). With 72 hours prior notice, a request for reasonable accommodation or modification can be made. Please contact the Planning Commission clerk at 707-445-7541 or by email planningclerk@co.humboldt.ca.us or the ADA Coordinator at 844-365-0352 or by email at ada@co.humboldt.ca.us.

Humboldt County Planning Commission
July 11, 2022