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NOTICE OF TIME EXTENSION

RECIRCULATED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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, as lead agency, has extended the recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (Recirculated DEIR) comment period for the Coast Seafoods Company Humboldt Bay Shellfish Aquaculture Permit Renewal and Expansion Project, that was prepared pursuant to California Resources Code § 21092 and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines § 15084.

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

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project involves: (1) extending regulatory approvals for Coast's existing approximately 300 acres of shellfish culture; (2) increasing shellfish culture within an already permitted floating upwelling system by adding eight culture bins; (3) authorizing culture of Pacific and Kumamoto oysters within Coast's existing clam rafts; (4) relocating approximately 5 acres of existing cultch-on-longline culture; and (5) permitting an additional 622 acres of intertidal culture in two phases. See original notice for complete description.

PROJECT IMPACTS: The Recirculated DEIR identifies potential significant effects and mitigation measures to reduce these potentially significant effects to a less than significant level.

RECIRCULATED Portions of DEIR: The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District (Harbor District) is recirculating the DEIR in its entirety.

**The Comment Period is extended. Comments must be received:
no later than 4 p.m. on September 16, 2016**

Submit written comments to: Jack Crider, Executive Director
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Telephone: (707) 443-0801 Fax: (707) 443-0800
Email: jcrider@humboldtbay.org

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

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District, as lead agency, has prepared and is recirculating the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Recirculated DEIR) for the Coast Seafoods Company Humboldt Bay Shellfish Aquaculture Permit Renewal and Expansion Project for public review and comment pursuant to State of California Resources Code Section 21092 and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15084. This notice is provided under CEQA Guidelines Section 15087 and 15088.5(d).

- Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5(a), a lead agency must recirculate a DEIR when significant new information is added to the EIR after public notice is given of the availability of the draft EIR for public review. In this case, the proposed project, project alternatives, and analysis of impacts to biological resources have been substantially revised since the DEIR was first circulated for public comment. In addition, this recirculated DEIR identifies a new potentially significant impact to eelgrass resources. Therefore, the Harbor District is recirculating the DEIR in its entirety.
- Consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5(f)(1), the Harbor District advises reviewers that while previous comments will remain part of the administrative record, they do not require a written response in the Final EIR. New comments must be submitted on this Recirculated DEIR for response and consideration in the Final EIR.

The Recirculated DEIR is available for review at the locations listed at the bottom of this notice.

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 approximately 300 acres of shellfish culture; (2) increasing shellfish culture within an already permitted floating upwelling system by adding eight culture bins; (3) authorizing culture of Pacific and Kumamoto oysters within Coast's existing clam rafts; (4) relocating approximately 5 acres of existing cultch-on-longline culture; and (5) permitting an additional 622 acres of intertidal culture in two phases. In Phase I, Coast will plant an additional 210 acres of

intertidal shellfish aquaculture as follows: 150 acres of 10-ft spaced, double-hung cultch-on-longline; 6 acres of 10-ft spaced, single-hung cultch-on-longline; 50 acres of basket-on-longline spaced at alternating 9-ft and 16-ft intervals; up to 4 acres of rack-and-bag and/or basket-on-longline culture that maintains a 25-ft buffer from existing eelgrass beds. As mitigation for potential impacts to eelgrass resources in Phase I, Coast will also expand the spacing of cultch-on-longlines within 100 acres of its existing culture footprint from 2.5-ft to 10-ft. In addition, Coast will undertake a robust monitoring program and implement adaptive management to ensure that impacts to eelgrass are below the no-net-loss threshold of significance. In Phase II, Coast will plant an additional 412 acres of single-hung cultch-on-longline at 10-ft spacing. Phase II will not proceed until monitoring performed during Phase I verifies that potential impacts associated with 10-ft spaced, single-hung cultch-on-longline are less than significant. 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 Recirculated 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 Recirculated DEIR would reduce these potentially significant effects to a less than significant level.

RECIRCULATED Portions of DEIR: The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District (Harbor District) is recirculating the DEIR in its entirety.

COMMENT PERIOD: The Recirculated DEIR and its technical appendices are available for the CEQA required 45-day public review and comment period from July 18 through September 1, 2016. **Written Comments must be received no later than 4 p.m. on September 1, 2016** (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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