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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

**825 FIFTH STREET  
EUREKA, CA 95501  
SUPERVISORS' CHAMBER, FIRST FLOOR**

**ACTION SUMMARY**

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

9:00 AM

Special Meeting - Hybrid

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**A. ROLL CALL**

Present: 4 - Supervisor Rex Bohn, Supervisor Michelle Bushnell, Supervisor Mike Wilson, and  
Supervisor Virginia Bass  
Absent: 1 - Supervisor Steve Madrone

**B. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**C. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Planning and Building Department**

Appeal by Redwood Regional Audubon Society Chapter, Humboldt 350, and the Humboldt Fisherman's Marketing Association, Inc. of the Planning Commission's Certification of an Environmental Impact Report for and approval of the Nordic Aquafarms Project to demolish a dilapidated pulp mill site and construct a land-based recirculating aquaculture facility.

**Recommendation:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Open the public hearing and receive the staff report, applicants, testimony by the appellants, and public; and
2. Close the public hearing; and
3. Adopt the resolution (Resolution 22-\_\_). (Attachment 1) which does the following:
  - a. Certifies the Environmental Impact Report prepared for the Nordic Aquafarms California, LLC, the project has been prepared in compliance with CEQA pursuant to Section 15090 and 15091 of the State CEQA Guidelines; and
  - b. Certifies that the Final EIR (FEIR) was presented to the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the information contained in the FEIR before approving the project; and
  - c. Certifies that the FEIR reflects the county's independent judgment and analysis;
  - d. Finds that the proposed Coastal Development Permit and Special Permit is consistent with the Humboldt Bay Area Plan and Zoning Ordinance; and
  - e. Finds that that there are no grounds to support the appeal; and
  - f. Denies the Appeal submitted by Redwood Regional Audubon Society Chapter, Humboldt 350, and the Humboldt Fisherman's Marketing Association, Inc.; and
  - g. Adopts the Mitigation and Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP); and
  - h. Approves the Coastal Development Permit and Special Permit subject to Conditions of Approval.
4. Direct the Clerk of the Board to give notice of the decision to the appellant, the Planning and Building Department, and any other interested party.
5. If approved, direct Planning Staff to prepare and file a Notice of Determination with the County Clerk and Office of Planning and Research within five (5) business days of project approval.

*A motion was made by Supervisor Bohn, Seconded by Supervisor Wilson, to approve staff recommendations to include the following amendment:*

1. *Prior to issuance of any construction permits for phase 2, phase 1 of the project must be operating in compliance with the County CDP, RWQCB Permit and any other local, state or federal permit issues to Nordic or their successor. This shall be to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Building.*
2. *Nordic Aqua farms shall provide an annual sustainability report initiated within one year of operation, describing efforts to decarbonize trucking activities, GHG impacts associated with fish feed and other relevant issues. Nordic shall host a summit by invitation for the local NGOs, Community Leaders, Academia, Tribal Government Leadership and members of the public. In addition to reviewing Nordics Annual Sustainability report, a forum is created where issues and solutions are discussed by all. Agreed upon elements can be incorporated into Nordic's sustainability goals in the following years. These collaborative solutions are not exclusive to Nordic, leaving opportunity for development of community wide initiatives. Creating a cycle of sustainability improvements that can be adopted over the years. Sponsorship of these initiatives can be borne by Nordic up to an annual limit and can be combined with matching funds and sponsorships from various sources. At a minimum Nordic will provide \$25,000 to an appropriate community project.*

*The motion carried with the following vote:*

Aye: 4 - Rex Bohn, Michelle Bushnell, Mike Wilson, and Virginia Bass


**D. ADJOURNMENT**

*I, NIKKI TURNER, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct original record of the above entitled meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors held in Eureka, California.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.*

NIKKI TURNER

*Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, State of California*



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