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**PLANNING COMMISSION  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

**825 Fifth Street  
Board of Supervisors Chambers  
Eureka, California**

**ACTION SUMMARY**

**Thursday, July 28, 2022**

**6:00 PM**

**Regular Meeting - Hybrid**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER / SALUTE TO FLAG****B. COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Present : 7 - Commissioner Alan Bongio, Commissioner Noah Levy, Commissioner Brian Mitchell, Commissioner Mike L Newman, Commissioner Melanie McCavour, Commissioner Peggy O'Neill and Commissioner Thomas Mulder

Absent : 0

**C. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS****E. CONSENT AGENDA**

*A motion was made by Commissioner McCavour, seconded by Commissioner Newman, that the Action Summaries be continued to August 4. The motion carried by the following vote:*

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Bongio, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Newman, Commissioner McCavour, Commissioner O'Neill and Commissioner Mulder

1. Review and approval of the March 03, 2022, Action Summary
2. Review and approval of the March 17, 2022, Action Summary
3. Review and approval of the April 07, 2022, Action Summary
4. Review and approval of the April 21, 2022, Action Summary
5. Review and approval of the May 05, 2022, Action Summary
6. Review and approval of the May 12, 2022, Action Summary
7. Review and approval of the May 19, 2022, Action Summary
8. Review and approval of the June 02, 2022, Action Summary
9. Review and approval of the June 16, 2022, Action Summary
10. Review and approval of the July 7, 2022, Action Summary

## G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Nordic Aquafarms California, LLC; Coastal Development Permit and Special Permit  
Record Number PLN-2020-16698 (filed 10-05-20)  
Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): 401-112-021  
Samoa area

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.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Newman, seconded by Commissioner McCavour, that the Nordic Aquafarms California be Continued to August 4. The motion carried by the following vote:*

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Bongio, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Newman, Commissioner McCavour, Commissioner O'Neill and Commissioner Mulder

**D. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Public Comment period was opened and closed*

**H. CANNABIS DISCUSSION:**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Newman, seconded by Commissioner McCavour, that the recommendations be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:*

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Bongio, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Newman, Commissioner McCavour, Commissioner O'Neill and Commissioner Mulder

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

**J. NEXT MEETING August 4, 2022(Pending) 6:00 p.m. Regular meeting - Hybrid**

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