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I am submitting a public comment for the above referenced matter.

I request that the final EIR not be certified and the permit denied for the following reasons:

- The project is environmentally unsustainable in that it will use huge amounts of electricity needed for transportation and buildings. Humboldt County must decrease emissions by at least 40% by 2030 to do our part in the greatest threat to us and the entire planet, continued climate change that could bring us past the tipping point and bring unlivable conditions of drought, wildfires, and sea level rise. Nordic plans to use 25% of their power from refrigerants which creates much higher levels of CO2 and warming.
- Humboldt Bay already has a local sustainable aquaculture with our oyster farms. We must prioritize our local fishing resources over fish farming. There is much scientific evidence showing what can go wrong with fish farming including antibiotic resistant bacteria from fish feed and algae growth from effluent discharge. The risks of fish escape affecting local species could be devastating.
- The ethics and politics of fish farming allow more global inequality. This product will be consumed by wealthier people/nations while we face increasing starvation on our planet now close to one billion people.

Humboldt County must prioritize protecting our natural resources including Humboldt Bay.

Thank you.

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