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To: <u>Planning Clerk</u>

Subject: I support the Nordic fish farm project!

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Dear Humboldt County Planning Commission,

Dear Members of the Humboldt Planning Commission, I work in the Northern California construction industry as a member of Operating Engineers Local 3, and I am writing today in support of the Nordic fish farm project, which would be built on the property of the old Samoa pulp mill facility.

This project will help people like me, who work in Northern California. It will also give training

opportunities for apprentices, so we can grow the next generation of skilled working people. We need

good jobs like this in the community, so we can support our families. We also need local jobs, so we

don't have to travel many miles for work and spend our money elsewhere. COVID has drastically

affected the tourism industry in this county and our economy, and things will only get worse, unless

we create jobs that are careers. The Nordic fish farm is one of those.

Furthermore, this project will clean up an abandoned site and turn it into something our community can be proud of. With this fish farm, Humboldt County can continue our long tradition of helping feed California, and do it in a sustainable way. With the decline of the timber industry, we need projects like this to sustain the economic prosperity and employment opportunities in this region.

Humboldt County needs good-paying, long-term jobs, and the Nordic fish farm will give us that

opportunity. Please take this letter of support into consideration during your open comment period.

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