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Dear Planning Commission,

College of the Redwoods is committed to supporting the aquaculture industry in Humboldt County, both in long-standing mariculture endeavors and in emerging fields. As part of this commitment, the college is currently in the process of hiring a full-time aquaculture faculty member, and we are engaged in writing curriculum that would lead to both a certificate of achievement and an associate's degree in aquaculture. We anticipate that we can begin offering these courses during the fall 2023 semester.

For the last several years, our college has worked collaboratively with people at Nordic Aquaculture as we develop these new educational programs. The college is strongly supportive of Nordic Aquafarms' project on the peninsula, and we look forward to providing industry-relevant training to our community to help prepare for the job opportunities that will result from this project.

Thank you, Mike Haley

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