

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
June 13, 2017

"For all items *NOT* on the agenda"

(Each Speaker Limited to 3 Minutes)

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Date: 6/12/17
To: Everyone
Subject: Bigger Picture

Unless verified by my experiences and as a common sensical voter, I do not believe any form of provided information. I see this country divided.

- Like 73 plus year old field experienced farts (emphasis on field), with a sound mind and body, as a hunter and fisherman, as someone who has lived a rural life, as a Registered Professional Forester with experiences in fire, growing trees, and manufacturing and selling wood products, and with county supervisors and other groups **not** rebutting me, I have been tested and ignored.
- Good health is at the top of my list.
- With many not voting and remainder split among those who do vote, I see a majority of voting minority controlling USA and world. This controlling group includes many not worrying about their next dollar, media, politicians, misunderstood confusing legalese, and inexperienced Fourth Branch of Government (regulators).
- Hillary is just another politician, and I voted for Trump. Fault I have with Trump supporters and others is they promote what is good for those at the top of pile, and this eliminates foreman and workers who have learned more. At times, keeping your mouth shut allows you to better fit into the coming mess; however, being hard on some inexperienced SOBs harvesting timber, ranching, and others **helps** them learn.
- Proper timber harvesting creates disturbance, diversity, and helps humans and many species. There is a reason around 80% of the wood used in California comes from out of California
- Without taking bribes and having a friend and fellow forester shot and killed, helps me understand how low paying timber harvesting can not compete with quick, high paying marijuana.
- My experiences have taught me **it is bad** to leave dead trees all over the place, have an absence of equipment to fight fire, have uncontrolled fire all over the place, have rural economies dependent on taxpayer money, hurting humans, fish, and other species, and especially in California, have private timber ownership disappear.
- Some won't agree, but diplomacy works best when sword and learning from those who do the work is kept sharp.
- Having once been young and inexperienced, I see humans do not learn, demonstrating everything is **not** fair and balanced. As their worst enemy, I see humans living in harmony as a pipe dream, and how humans do not understand how tough it is going against real world realities.

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Coast Seafood expansion nixed

Coastal commissioners question project's impacts to bay's ecosystems, uses

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The California Coastal Commission voted 6-5 this week in Arcata to reject Coast Seafood Company's bid to expand what commission staff called the state's largest shellfish farming operation.

After hearing several hours of

public testimony and staff reports debating the expansion project's potential impacts to the Humboldt Bay's ecosystems and recreational uses, Commissioner Mary Shallenberger urged her colleagues to vote no on the 165-acre expansion because she felt it was "way too big" and had too many unknowns.

"What I heard from staff is it's

a large-scale field experiment," Shallenberger said Wednesday inside Humboldt State University's Kate Buchanan Room. "I heard them say it's a leap of faith and a decent compromise. None of these things are science. This habitat, this bay is way too important a coastal resource for us to use it as a field experiment."

Commissioners Mary Luévano,

Donne Brownsey, Carole Groom, Aaron Peskin and Stephen Padilla joined Shallenberger in voting against the project permit. Commissioners Ryan Sundberg, Effie Turnbull-Sanders, Dayna Bochco, Erik Howell and Roberto Uranga voted in favor of the project.

Attempts to contact Coast Seafoods Company Southwest Operations Manager Greg Dale on Thursday afternoon were not returned by filing deadline.

Reactions to the vote were mixed.

Opponents to the project — such as Audubon California — applauded the commission's vote. Audubon California filed a lawsuit against the project earlier this year challenging Coast Seafoods' environmental review of the expansion and claimed the project would irreparably impact eelgrass in the bay.

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"The best available science overwhelming indicates that this project would have massive and permanent impacts on Humboldt Bay's eelgrass, marine life, and birds, which would have been felt along the California coast and the Pacific Flyway," Audubon's Marine Program Manager Anna Weinstein said in a Thursday statement. "There should be no further expansion of aquaculture in Humboldt Bay

until it is better studied so that impacts can be avoided or fully mitigated."

Humboldt Baykeeper Director Jennifer Kalt said the commission's denial was surprising due to aquaculture being a priority of the California Coastal Act.

"The oyster industry has come a long way since the days of killing bat rays and dredging eelgrass off the mud flats in the 1990s," Kalt said Thursday. "And it actively protects water quality, which is critical for oysters, eelgrass and many other aquatic species. We hope the project can be further refined to address outstanding concerns."

Coast Seafood Company sought to expand its existing 234 acres of shellfish farming and culturing in northern Humboldt Bay by another 256 acres in two phases. The company also proposed removing over 60 acres of its existing cultivation to make up for any loss of eelgrass. The company originally proposed in 2015 to expand by about 620 acres, but reduced the size to address concerns about impacts to eelgrass.

The project and associated environmental documentation had already received the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Con-

servation District Board of Commissioner's approval in February, but still required approval by the coastal commission, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Commission staff recommended Wednesday that the commission only approve 165 acres of expansion and include a number of special conditions in order to address their concerns about potential impacts to ecologically significant eelgrass, wildlife and recreational uses of the bay.

These conditions would require Coast Seafoods to

monitor eelgrass impacts over a five-year period and reduce potential disturbance of migratory black brant geese that feed on the eelgrass.

If more than 25 percent of the eelgrass in areas the company planned to expand into was lost during the monitoring period, the company would either have to remove the new aquaculture equipment or remove some of its other existing equipment in order to make up for the losses, commission staff member Cassidy Teufel said.

Peter Weiner — attorney for Coast Seafoods Company's parent company Pacific

Seafood Group — called some of these new requirements "draconian" and a threat to the mariculture throughout the state.

"I have been practicing environmental law for almost 40 years and these are the most draconian measures on adaptive management that I've ever seen in my life," Weiner said.

Teufel said no other shellfish farming project in the state is proposing to place equipment directly into eelgrass beds or have as large of a potential impact to those eelgrass beds. Teufel said the California Fish and Game Commission normally requires any

aquaculture to be located at least 10 feet away from any eelgrass beds.

- North Coast Commissioner Sundberg — also Humboldt County's 5th District supervisor — said he felt comfortable with the commission's recommended changes to the project and voted in favor of it.

"If it doesn't work, there is enough built-in protections that we'll be able to correct course before anything terrible happens," Sundberg said.

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