

Dear Members of the Humboldt County Planning Commission,

I work in Humboldt County's 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 not only help put people like me to work right here in my home community but 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.

More than that this project will clean up an abandon site and turn it into something our community can be proud of. With this fish farm Humboldt County can continue our long tradition of help 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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