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Hello,

Please accept the attached letter as public comment on the Nordic DEIR from the Blue Lake Rancheria.

Thank you,

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RE: Comments on Nordic Aquafarms' Samoa Peninsula Land-based Aquaculture Project

Mr. McNamara:

The Blue Lake Rancheria Tribe has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report of the Nordic Aquaculture project and submits the following comments:

We are supportive of the project's remediation of the former pulp mill site, contribution to port development, and the investment this project will be in our community. The full draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) is an important tool for ensuring environmental impacts are mitigated to the extent possible. Upon review of the DEIR, we request additional information be included with the water quality monitoring of the pipeline outfall discharge.

The monitoring described in the DEIR should align with an adaptive management plan, with specific thresholds that would trigger additional protective measures. Having a plan to protect water quality in the case of non-compliance or any kind of effluent system failure will be necessary to minimize harm to the surrounding ecosystem.

If there are questions on these comments, please contact Michelle Fuller, Director of Environmental Programs at mfuller@bluelakerancheria-nsn.gov.

Sincerely,

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