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Subject: Humboldt County's draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for Nordic Aquafarms

To Whom It May Concern:

Nordic AquaFarms' proposed aquaculture facility in Samoa would be the largest project in Humboldt County in decades. At full build-out, It would use 21% of the county's energy supplies. And yet the draft EIR concludes there would be no significant impacts from greenhouse gas emissions, truck traffic, bay intakes that will draw 10,000,000 gallons and an ocean discharge of 12,000,000 gallons of treated wastewater a day.

Numerous significant impacts have not been fully assessed and mitigated in the DEIR, specifically increased electricity demands, greenhouse gas emissions, and the ocean discharge. We believe reasonable changes to reduce these impacts are achievable. To make sure Nordic commits to these changes, we are requesting the following required mitigations:

1. An explicit requirement in the EIR that the project will, from day one of operations, be powered solely through renewable energy.
2. The project shall maximize its feasible onsite renewable energy production through more aggressive utilization of solar, including over parking areas.
3. The project shall use refrigerants with a global warming potential of under 150.
4. The food fed to the salmon shall be certified to have the lowest greenhouse gas footprint commercially available.
5. Modeling of ambient water quality shall use data from the mixing zone near the RMT II diffuser, instead of the data taken from Humboldt Bay (approximately 3.5 miles south-southeast of the discharge point).
6. Baseline monitoring and continuous monitoring of the effluent shall be performed by experts and compared to an established threshold which would trigger protective actions.

This project would be the largest of its kind, unprecedented and could greatly impact community, coastal areas, and Humboldt Bay; it has very large greenhouse gas implications. As environmentalists, climate activists, and stakeholders we support actions to reduce emission of greenhouse gasses as quickly as we can while preserving as much of our natural world as we can.

I join 350 Humboldt, Humboldt Baykeeper, EPIC, Humboldt Surfrider Foundation, Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities and the Northcoast Environmental Center in calling for these reasonable mitigations to the Nordic Aquafarms project.

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation in this matter.

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