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**Sent:** Friday, February 18, 2022 3:33 PM  
**To:** CEQAResponses  
**Subject:** DEIR for Nordic Aquafarm  
**Attachments:** Dear County Representative.docx

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The Bay intakes may risk sea life. Why should that risk be taken? Why risk an accident that would release the farmed fish, sludge and untreated wastewater into the ocean? Does sea life get to weigh in on this project? It's not necessary to build a fish farm. What is necessary is to change the way humans impact the environment. Humboldt County is one of the few underdeveloped parts of California coastline. It has and has had its share of environmental disasters. We have to protect what is left of it.

I am against this project because it feels as if it will sacrifice the lives of sea and land animals and poses a threat to our fragile and rare environment. The collective loss of our environment and quality of life in Humboldt should not be given to private gain. Privatizing profits and socializing the losses puts our planet at risk.

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