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Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2022 4:35 PM
To: CEQAResponses
Subject: Comments re: Nordic AquaFarm DEIR

Dear CEQA Planning Commissioners,

I am concerned about the environmental impact of the proposed Nordic AquaFarm on our area as there will be a great increase in electricity demands, an increase in greenhouse gas emissions, and increased effluent discharged into the ocean with undeniable effects on water quality. I understand reasonable changes to reduce these impacts are achievable.

Because the Nordic Aquafarm will be the largest facility of its kind in this area, and will greatly impact our community, coastal areas, and Humboldt Bay. Relative to the Nordic Aquafarm DEIR, I request that:

1. an explicit requirement be stated in the EIR that the project will be powered solely through renewable energy from the very start;
2. the project maximizes its feasible onsite renewable energy production through more aggressive utilization of solar, including over parking areas;
3. an adaptive management provision be added to require Nordic to buy locally-produced renewable power as it is commercially available;
4. in the modeling of ambient water quality, data from the mixing zone near the RMT II diffuser, and NOT the data taken from Humboldt Bay (approximately 3.5 miles south-southeast of the discharge point) be used;
5. baseline monitoring and continuous monitoring of the effluent be performed by experts and compared to an established threshold which would trigger protective actions;
6. an adaptive management plan be in place to require adoption of zero emission trucks and other vehicles as they become commercially available.

I also request that a more in depth analysis of truck traffic safety impacts be made, and a strong clear commitment to provide alternative transportation options for employees for commuting.

Thank you for taking my comments.

Sincerely,

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