

MINUTE ITEM  
This Calendar Item No. C24 was approved as  
Minute Item No. 24 by the California State Lands  
Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its  
8/24/06 meeting.

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**DREDGING LEASE**

**APPLICANT:**

Coast Seafoods Company  
25 Waterfront Drive  
Eureka, CA 95501

**AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:**

Granted sovereign lands, with minerals reserved to the State, pursuant to Chapter 225, Statutes of 1945, as amended, in Humboldt Bay, city of Eureka, Humboldt County.

**AUTHORIZED USE:**

Dredge a maximum of 3,800 cubic yards of material to maintain adequate berthing depth for vessels and to insure the continued safe and convenient operation of the moorage facility. Disposal of dredge materials will be at an upland disposal site authorized by all applicable state and federal regulatory agencies.

**LEASE TERM:**

One year, beginning August 24, 2006, to August 23, 2007.

**CONSIDERATION:**

No royalty will be charged for the dredged material. Dredged material may not be sold.

**OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

1. Pacific Coast Seafoods Company (Pacific Coast) conducts commercial cultured oyster production and processing on Humboldt Bay. As a part of its operations, Pacific Coast utilizes a moorage area and loading dock. Pacific Coast's proposed dredging project is necessary in order to maintain an adequate berthing depth for vessels to moor within the moorage area of the dock, as well as to insure the continued safe operation of the moorage facility.

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2. Dredge material will be disposed at an authorized upland dredge disposal site. The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District (District) is currently working with the Regional Water Quality Control Board to approve reopening of the upland dredge disposal site located to the west of Highway 255 and New Navy Base Road Junction in Samoa, CA. The site has been used in the past by the city of Eureka for disposal of dredge materials. Should the site not be authorized prior to September 2006, an alternate authorized upland dredge disposal site will be utilized.
3. A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was prepared and adopted for this project by the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District. The California State Lands Commission's staff has reviewed such document.
4. Mitigation measures are specified within the MND adopted by the District.
5. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), following the conclusion of a section 7 consultation pursuant to the Federal Endangered Species Act, concurred with the determination of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers "that the Project is not likely to adversely affect threatened SONCC Coho Salmon, CC Chinook Salmon, NC Steelhead or their critical habitats."
6. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public resources Code sections 6370, et seq. Based upon the staff's consultation with the persons nominating such lands and through the CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.

**APPROVALS OBTAINED:**

Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District

**FURTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED:**

United States Army Corps of Engineers  
Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**EXHIBIT:**

- A. Site and Location Map

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

**CEQA FINDING:**

A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) INCORPORATING MITIGATION MEASURES WAS ADOPTED FOR THIS PROJECT BY THE HUMBOLDT HARBOR, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT. THE CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION'S STAFF HAS REVIEWED SUCH DOCUMENT.

ADOPT THE MITIGATION MEASURES SPECIFIED IN THE ADOPTED MND, AS CONTAINED ON FILE IN THE SACRAMENTO OFFICE OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION.

**SIGNIFICANT LANDS INVENTORY FINDING:**

FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE LAND PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTIONS 6370, ET SEQ.

**AUTHORIZATION:**

AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A DREDGING LEASE TO COAST SEAFOODS COMPANY BEGINNING AUGUST 24, 2006, FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR, FOR DREDGING A MAXIMUM OF 3,800 CUBIC YARDS OF MATERIAL WITHIN HUMBOLDT BAY AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT A ATTACHED AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF; INITIATION OF SUCH PERMITTED ACTIVITY IS CONTINGENT UPON APPLICANT'S RECEIPT OF AND COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE PERMITS, RECOMMENDATIONS, OR LIMITATIONS ISSUED BY FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. NO ROYALTY SHALL BE CHARGED FOR DREDGED MATERIAL, AS THE DREDGED MATERIAL MAY NOT BE SOLD. DISPOSAL OF DREDGE MATERIAL WILL BE AT AN AUTHORIZED UPLAND DISPOSAL SITE.

