

**HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION,
AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10

**A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR DISTRICT'S COMMITMENT TO
SUPPORT THE SUSTAINABILITY OF HUMBOLDT BAY MARICULTURE OPERATIONS**

WHEREAS, Humboldt Bay has a thriving mariculture industry that provides immense value to the region economically, culturally, and through the production of sustainable seafood; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt Bay produces the majority of consumable oysters in California and has a vital role in providing shellfish seed throughout the U.S. West Coast; and

WHEREAS, mariculture activities in Humboldt Bay have an important ecological role by improving water quality and providing diverse, structured habitat; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt Bay mariculture industry has adopted methods such as off-bottom culture that minimize environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, the District has existing leases with private, nonprofit, and academic entities for existing mariculture operations in Humboldt Bay; and

WHEREAS, potential new projects, including but not limited to the proposed Humboldt Bay Heavy Lift Marine Terminal, include components that can affect mariculture operations such as through increased shipping, dredging and construction activities; *and as well as providing positive impacts through mitigation and environmental restoration components; and*

WHEREAS, the mariculture industry's ongoing success is directly linked to Humboldt Bay's Shellfish High Health Program, which documents the absence of shellfish diseases in Humboldt Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt Bay Harbor District is committed to working with the mariculture industry to understand, avoid, minimize, and mitigate current and future potential threats to the sustainability of the mariculture industry, *while maximizing positive impacts and restoration efforts.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR,
RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Harbor District staff shall work with the mariculture industry to assess how the Harbor District may establish a participatory role in the Humboldt Bay Shellfish High Health Program.

2. The Harbor District shall use available tools (for example, project design modifications and permit conditions) to avoid, minimize, and mitigate as appropriate, potential effects of projects to the mariculture industry.
3. Harbor District staff shall facilitate regular meetings and ongoing correspondence with the mariculture industry to collaboratively work together to ensure long-term industry sustainability.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District Board of Commissioners at a duly called meeting held on the **10th day of September 2026** by the following polled vote:

AYES: Benson, Dale, Kullmann, Newman, Norton

NOES: ☒

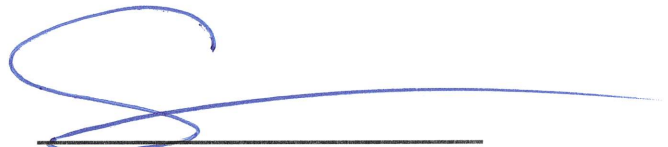
ABSENT: ☒

ABSTAIN: ☒

ATTEST:



Aaron Newman, Secretary
Board of Commissioners



Stephen Kullmann President,
Board of Commissioners

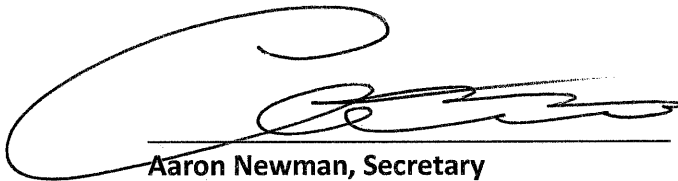
CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Secretary of the HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT, does hereby certify that the attached Resolution is a true and correct copy of RESOLUTION NO. **2026-10** entitled,

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as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT, duly held on **the 10th day of September 2026**; and further, that such Resolution has been fully recorded in the Journal of Proceedings in my office, and is in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this **10th day of September 2026**.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aaron Newman', is written over a horizontal line.

**Aaron Newman, Secretary
Board of Commissioners**