

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
A NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

This is to inform the public and interested agencies that in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District (District) is circulating an Initial Study/ Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for public comment for the proposed Mad River Slough Shellfish Nursery Project. The proposed Project would restart a shellfish nursery to set and mature oyster and clam seed for eventual sale to cultivators in Humboldt Bay. The Project would utilize existing equipment including an upland shellfish larvae setting facility and upwelling tanks plus a new floating upwelling system ("FLUPSY") and water intake raft attached to existing anchors in Mad River Slough. Based on the findings of the Initial Study, it has been determined that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment. The IS/ND is available for review on the District's website <https://humboldtbay.org/public-notices-announcements-information>, at the HBHRCD's office 601 Startare Drive, Eureka, CA 95501, or upon request from HBHRCD at (707) 443-0801. Written comments are due to dsaucedo@humboldtbay.org or to HBHRCD at the address listed above by 4 p.m. July 20, 2023.