

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

California Regional Water Quality Control Board North Coast Region

Order No. R1-2026-0052

Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2023-0019

for the

**Nordic Aquafarms California, LLC and Humboldt Bay
Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District**

**Nordic Aquafarms California, LLC and Humboldt Bay
Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District Ocean
Outfall and Sea Chest Intake Structures**

**WDID No. 1B20161NHUM
Humboldt County**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (hereinafter North Coast Water Board) finds that:

1. Nordic Aquafarms California, LLC (Nordic) is the owner and operator of Nordic Aquafarms California, LLC, a land-based aquaculture facility. The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District (HBHRCD) is the owner and operator of the Intake System and Ocean Outfall infrastructure that serves the Facility.
2. Nordic proposed to build a recirculating aquaculture system to raise Yellowtail Kingfish and process the fish for sale on tGSeche Samoa peninsula. The facility would use the HBHRCD's Intake System to supply process water to their Facility and Ocean Outfall to discharge their effluent to the Pacific Ocean.
3. The North Coast Water Board adopted the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Order No. R1-2023-0019 on October 5, 2023.

4. Nordic Aquafarms California, LLC submitted a Certificate of Cancellation with the California Secretary of State on January 14, 2026, to cancel their Limited Liability Company registration with the State. Nordic Aquafarms contacts failed to respond when contacted by email and telephone; email addresses and telephone numbers had been disconnected.

HBHRCD indicated that the Nordic Aquafarms project was not moving forward and they wished to have their NPDES permit rescinded.

5. The North Coast Water Board has notified the Permittees and all known interested parties of its intent to rescind the Permit.
6. North Coast Water Board action to rescind Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2023-0019 is exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) in accordance with Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15301.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2023-0019 is rescinded.

I, Valerie Quinto, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, on October 1, 2026.

Valerie Quinto, Executive Officer