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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

Dear Mr. McNamara:

Thank you for giving Caltrans the opportunity to comment on the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Nordic Aquafarms California, LLC Land-based Aquaculture Project. The FEIR consists of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), comments received on the DEIR, the County of Humboldt/Lead Agency's responses to comments, and revisions to the DEIR (Errata). The project is located off of New Navy Base Road, south of State Route 255 on the Samoa Peninsula. We have the following comment:

### **Master Response 1 – Truck Traffic & Road Safety**

*SR 255 through Manila, Arcata, and across the Samoa Bridge also have sufficient shoulder width to safely accommodate pedestrians and bicyclist travel, where the majority of existing shoulder widths vary between approximately six feet and eight feet in Manila, approximately six to eight feet across the Samoa Bridge, and designated six-foot bike lanes in Arcata, which meet the Caltrans standard for a bicycle lane of six feet, per the Highway Design Manual (Caltrans 2020). There may be portions of SR 255 that lack sufficient shoulder width for pedestrians or bicyclists; however, the Project would not cause additional undue substantial risk to vulnerable road users because the Project does not significantly intensify truck traffic or private automobile traffic that would substantially increase the risk to vulnerable road users.*

We do not disagree with the above discussion other than to note that the shoulder width across the Samoa Bridges is generally four to five feet in width on the structures and six to eight feet between the structures. Caltrans has not designated this portion of SR 255 as a Class II bike lane, so the six-foot shoulder standard does not apply.

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Bicycles (and pedestrians) are permitted to use SR 255 between US 101 and New Navy Base Road as shared facility rather than as a designated bike lane.

Please contact me with questions or for further assistance at (707) 684-6879 or by email at: <jesse.robertson@dot.ca.gov>.

Sincerely,

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