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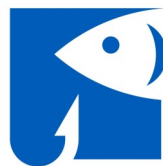
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## President's Message



Oh, the joys and terrors of “two-foot-itis”. I can still remember the somewhat terrified feeling we had towing our 17-foot Arima home the first time. So it’s with a bit of shock I realize that was twenty-six fishing seasons ago! Where does the time go? For the last few years we’ve realized that a 17-foot boat was not what we wanted to fish from for the next couple of decades. Over the last few years we’ve attended a few winter boat and sportsman shows, admired the new hulls and outboards, and tried to decide what we’d like to retire with. That’s hard! As with so many things in life, an ocean fishing boat is a complex collection of compromises. Do you want a hull that will provide the best fuel economy or one that will give a smoother ride? Aluminum or fiberglass? What engine manufacturer? Single main engine with a kicker or twins? Hard top or soft top? What electronics? And what about the family budget? The shows are fun but chaotic, and offer limited time with the sales staff. Recently we took a week vacation to visit about ten dealerships, and had the opportunity to spend over an hour with staff at each location. Well, we’ve finally made a decision, and sometime around Labor Day 2022 hope to tow something a bit larger home. And yes, I’ll be terrified.

As the end of 2021 approaches we’re still grappling with the COVID pandemic and the government’s responses. Obviously, the Board had to cancel our plans for an October outdoor barbecue. We’re still planning for our annual winter membership meeting and spring dinner event and hope that restrictions on gathering will have finally eased. In the interim a few long-time HASA members have recently donated a substantial amount of lightly used (aka “lovingly tested and approved”) fishing gear to us as fund raiser items plus we have a few new items. We’ve included a sample list on page 10 and would love to pass these items along to a loving fishing enthusiast just in time for Christmas. Our board secretary Ross Taylor has volunteered to coordinate a Craig’s List sale. Watch your email for announcements as items become available.

In case you missed it, the California Air Resources Board has decided it doesn’t mind hitting folks when they’re down. Due to the pandemic, many charters had to cut back on operations, either by reducing the number of trips or taking fewer passengers per charter when they did head offshore. Now there is pending legislation that could put many of these charters out of business. Take a look at page 6 and be sure to write your representative making it clear this is neither reasonable nor fair to these small businesses.

Two of our most active representatives at fisheries meetings are stepping down. Tom Marking has been an active voice for sports fishermen for over a decade dealing with halibut and other bottom fish management and regulations. Joe Polos, who serves as our newsletter editor, has also been serving as our Sport Salmon Representative. Both have announced their pending retirement from these positions. We owe both of these gentlemen a great deal for the time they’ve put in. We are looking for individuals that would be interested in becoming HASA representatives for halibut, groundfish and salmon so contact us if you’re interested.

Oh...you want to know what boat we decided to buy? Let’s let the suspense build a bit longer. Till then, ensure you do a proper winterizing job on your boat and gear, and stay safe out there. Crab season can be dangerous.

## 2021 Fall Groundfish Update

By Tom Marking

**PACIFIC HALIBUT:** The halibut season started out as a bright spot this year...right up to the point where we got shut down. Once CDFW realized they had again over projected on our catch (which is a frequent occurrence), they reopened the fishery in September. Unfortunately, the ocean did not provide any relief and the high pressure offshore kept the water rough and unpredictable. As a result as of November 1, we still have 8,618 pounds remaining (22% of the quota). The season will close on November 15. As of today, with 10-12' swell, the outlook does not look good that we will harvest our quota. In 2020, we probably left 50% of the quota in the water due to an early closure and for three years out of the last seven CDFW neglected to credit us with net weight, so we lost another 18,000 pounds. Each year, they apologize and state they will try to do better in the future, but things don't seem to change. This has been a familiar occurrence with rockfish also; so at least they are consistent.



Currently, we have a quota of 39,260 pounds of Pacific halibut each year. This was a negotiated four year agreement at the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) with the Washington tribes. This interim agreement ends next year at the end of 2022. There is considerable discussion at the IPHC with Canada, the Tribes and Alaska over what management scenario will be implemented in the future and how that will affect the allocations between the eight Management Areas. I participated in the Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE)



Committee as a sports representative for the last nine years and we presented eleven Management Plans to the IPHC to be studied and evaluated. A decision will be considered at the annual meeting in January 2022. I expect the Tribes will be successful in having the 1.65 million pounds declared a floor amount, so we should have stability in our Pacific states fishery. California currently has 4% of the non-tribal amount (39,260 lbs.), but that does not reflect our actual abundance in California, as the other two States out vote us, so we are limited to about one third of our survey abundance. CDFW does not seem willing to press for more, so I expect we will retain this amount for the next several years if the Tribes are successful at the 2022 negotiations with Canada and Alaska.

**CALIFORNIA HALIBUT ASSESSMENT:** The California halibut survey and assessment that was completed this year started out with a series of three meetings to discuss future management concerns, but after two meetings the process was halted, and little has been heard since. Basically, above San Francisco, there is not enough data and representative reliable information to provide abundance estimates in our area. I don't know what the CDWF has planned in the future as it seems this has been put on the back burner.

**GROUND FISH:** Yelloweye rockfish has been a severe constraint on the fleet since 2000, but it is rebuilding faster than anticipated, with 2028 a rebuilding target date at present (down from 2072). That was encouraging, since that was the sole remaining overfished rockfish on the West Coast. Well, to be the bearer of bad tidings, you should recall my concern in the Summer Newsletter about the Quillback/Copper complex and Vermillion rockfish assessments. These two assessments have dominated the Council discussion throughout this year. The November

briefing book is out, and the science folks have doubled down on the overfished status for Quillback at 14% for all of California and Copper at 18% south of Pt. Conception, so they are both overfished and will have to have rebuilding plans. Quillback is projected to be overfished until about 2050. Copper rockfish was presented as precautionary north of Pt. Conception, so we will probably see a reduced sub-bag limit. Vermillion is not overfished, but a sub-bag limit is expected.



Above San Francisco, we will probably see non-retention for Quillback rockfish and hopefully that will suffice; but the November meeting will clarify this. The overfished status will be really devastating for the commercial folks, as they have a live fish fishery developed around the Quillback and Copper complex. This will cause severe financial harm, and with the Vermillion sub-bag limit reduction in the south, this is terrible news for them.

Sadly, the assessment for Quillback is very controversial since data are very limited and well over half of the habitat has been off-limits for over twenty years. So how can it be overfished? Above Pt. Arena, probably 75% of the habitat has been in the RCA for two decades, with the 40-80 fathoms depth the bulk of Quillback habitat. This is where “the best science” caveat comes



into play and decisions are made with scarce data which has dramatic and damaging impact on the fishery. This will have devastating effects for the next three decades on our fishery, just when we were starting to “see the light at end of the tunnel” regarding Yelloweye rockfish. I have been concerned for the past six years about the lack of data for the “minor nearshore rockfish complex” species. Little is known about them, and they are always data poor when assessments are attempted. Personally, I think way too much emphasis is being put on climate issues, offshore wind projects, California current studies, whale entanglements, killer whale/salmon interactions, seabird conflicts, turtles, etc. and basic data needed for assessments of critical fish species is not being gathered on a consistent basis. And I don’t see this getting any better in the near future. CDFW seems to put fishery data on the back burner as compared to all these other environmental concerns.

**Council Representatives:** I notice that Tim Klaussen has entered the fray to replace Bob Ingles as the CPFV representative. Since he was the only nominee letter put forward, he should be appointed. I wish him good luck! And Jim Yarnall is still on the SAS. After eleven years on the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, I did not put in a letter to continue. I have learned a lot about the process and done my best to represent the Sports Sector at the Council. I did manage to get us from a shared amount of 6,000 lbs. of halibut to our current level of 39,260 lbs., and we now can fish Petrale year round, but overall, it’s been a really frustrating experience. I don’t think CDFW is very supportive of us in the far north. We just don’t have enough political clout to cause them much concern, and the progressive environmental positions



initiated by the Governor, and implemented through CDFW, is really making it tough on the fishery. Fishery decisions are much more political than most realize, and that is just a fact. The recent removal of a fishing representative on the Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessel Council to be replaced with an Environmental member is evidence of that.



I have served for eleven years on the GAP and nine years on the IPHC MSE as a Sport Rep, and I hope I have represented you well. It is a demanding process, extremely complex with hundreds of Federal and State regulations to be considered. I'll still keep track of the Council process but will no longer be a participant at the table. Life events are putting demands on me, and the Council process needs to be removed from my "to do" list.

Crabbing season has started, and as of today, the limits were fat and plentiful. I wish all of you well and stay safe on the ocean. Thanks for your past support. Enjoy Thanksgiving and go get some crab for your families.

Tight lines

## **California Air Resources Board and the Charter Fleet**

By Larry DeRidder

California Air Resources Board (CARB) is a state entity with an amazing amount of power. The members are governor appointees, neither elected nor directly accountable to the voters of California. According to Wikipedia, "One of CARB's responsibilities is to define vehicle emissions standards. California is the only state permitted to issue emissions standards under the federal Clean Air Act, subject to a waiver from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Other states may choose to follow CARB or the federal vehicle emission standards but may not set their own."

In October CARB announced that gas powered chain saws, lawn mowers and other small-engine tools with a horsepower rating of 25 or less would no longer be allowed to be sold in California beginning in 2024. Apparently lawn mowers and chain saws have been deemed to cause too much global warming. Now they've decided that commercial charter fishing and whale watching vessels fall into the same category of unwanted pollution sources. As currently announced, charter vessel owners will have until January 2023 - only 14 months from now - to reconstruct their hulls and install new engines and modifications with add-on particulate filters or completely replace their vessels. Since the current vessels will be essentially worthless in California unless modified, owners choosing to sell will be forced to find buyers outside the state. The Sportfishing Association of California surveyed members and concluded that many would be forced out of business. At this time there is a petition to have this decision modified at [www.californiasportfishing.org](http://www.californiasportfishing.org).

Please don't be shy about supporting our local charters. We all want clean air and water, but some things take more planning and time to accomplish.

# How to Plan and Enjoy Outdoor Adventures for the Whole Family

By Dan Hall

Helping kids—and the rest of the family—to love the outdoors is crucial throughout childhood. Nature deficit disorder is real, but so are the benefits of immersing kids of all ages in nature play and exploration. Doing it together is even better—which means parents need smart ideas for encouraging outdoor adventures. Here are some tips for parents who want to get the whole family outdoors.



## Get All Ages and Stages in Exploring Nature

Whether you have a toddler or a teen, these ideas can get your children immersed in the outdoors.

Mom's Guide to Exploring [Nature with Babies](#)  
6 Steps to [Fishing Success With Your Kids](#)  
How to Start a Family [Nature Club](#)

## Make Your Outdoor Living Spaces Fun-Focused

All you need to do is take a step outside to get your children enjoying the outdoors.

A Beginner's Guide to [Backyard Slacklining](#)  
Drop Everything and [Build a Nature Playground](#)  
[Grow a Themed Flower Garden](#) with Your Children  
Keep Records of Improvements That [Raise Your Home's Value](#)

## Plan an Outdoor Vacation

There are plenty of ways to enjoy a family getaway while enjoying all the great outdoors has to offer. It starts by creating a vacation [strategy](#), then crafting the ultimate trip.

12 West Coast [Beach Camping Sites](#) for Families  
Best [Kids Fishing Destinations](#) in California

## Start Simple and Start Observing

Children can learn a lot by examining the natural world around them.  
The Easy [Guide to Nature Observation](#)

[Birding with Children](#) Tips on Getting Started

Stepping outside might be enough for some kids to start playing and becoming immersed in nature. But others need some encouragement—and so do parents. Educational and exciting adventures in the great outdoors become a breeze when you plan ahead and find activities that appeal to all ages.

## Salty Stories from Captain Phil

I spent the morning at Café Marina having breakfast with Phil Glenn to get some more stories for the newsletter. We had an entertaining and meandering conversation about all kinds of things, not only fishing, but we did talk about fishing a lot. Below are a couple of his stories or thoughts. Also, Bo Harkins submitted a story on his long-range tuna trip and I submitted one about a fishing trip with my brothers out of Trinidad. Please consider submitting a story or two in the future. – Joe Polos, Newsletter Manager



### *Mooching*

Years ago when Phil was running the Celtic he had a group from a local business as well as some other passengers on a salmon charter. They were trolling not too far outside the jaws and doing fairly well with a mixed grade of salmon, but many on the smaller side. Some of the guys from the group were not happy keeping the smaller salmon so they wanted to release them in hopes for larger fish. One of the party asked about mooching, which he had tried up in Washington, and Phil said he hadn't tried that; but was willing if the rest of the folks were. So it was decided that the boat would try mooching. Mooching rigs were tied up and the boat got back to fishing. There were lots of bites and baits brought in that had been raked – a rookie mistake a trying to set the hook on the bite. Eventually people got the hang of it, with some advice from the guy that had mooched before, and the boat limited out. And it seemed like mooching was better at attracting the bigger fish which made many of the customers very happy.

So the next day, a Sunday, as Phil welcomed folks as they boarded the Celtic, one guy asked if they were going to be trolling or mooching. Since mooching the day before was successful and a lot of fun, Phil told him they'd start out mooching. So they motored out to the fishing grounds and got lines in the water. Fishing we pretty slow at first, some fish were missed since folks tried to set the hook on the bite resulting in many raked anchovies and a few fish were landed. Many of the boats that were trolling were doing pretty well so Phil was rethinking his decision to mooch and thought maybe they should start trolling. Then all of a sudden the bite was on. Soon everybody on the boat was hooking up and the boat

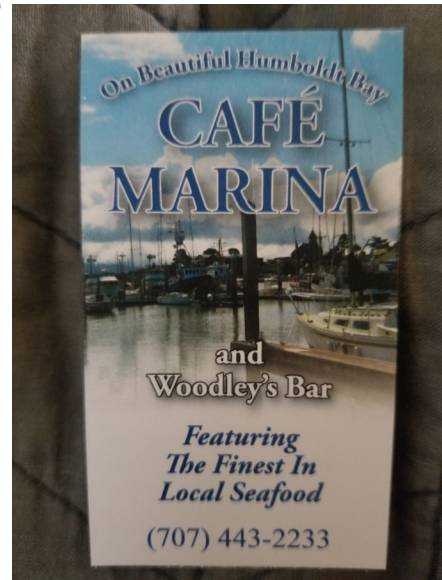


limited-out. The highlight of this trip was an older lady that hooked into a fish, and she had to do two laps around the Celtic, with Phil following and coaching her, before the 25 pound Chinook could be coaxed close enough to net. He wondered if she really took the second lap as a victory lap to show off the large fish.

So that weekend of salmon fishing opened up another way to fish for salmon which was not too common up on the north coast. And the best months seem to be July and August.

## *Why Am I Not Catching Fish?*

Some people expect to always catch fish and can't understand what happened when they don't. If you fish often enough this expectation is squashed. So many factors contribute to a successful fishing trip. First, are you in the right spot where the fish are? If you're in the right spot, are they on or off the bite? Are you using the right lure or bait? Trolling too fast or too slow? When fishing is slow don't get complacent. Change things up: whether it's changing location, baits or lures, trolling faster or slower, etc. If it isn't working try something different; but don't be too impatient because sometimes you just have to put in your time. And sometimes you just get skunked... maybe you did something to irritate the Fish Gods.



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## New Crabbing Regulations

By Larry DeRidder

Don't forget to comply with the new crab pot marking regulations effective this season. Every crab trap must be marked with a main buoy at least five inches in diameter and 11 inches long, plus a red marker buoy that is at least five inches long and three inches in diameter. Traps must be serviced at least once every nine days. A Recreational Crab Trap Validation is required for each person fishing for crabs with traps, and each angler is restricted to ten traps. We are also subject to abrupt closures, as the CDFW Director is now authorized to restrict the use of crab traps in the beginning and end of the season due to perceived marine life entanglement risk, using guidelines established using the Risk Assessment and Mitigation Program. Visit [CDFW News | Recreational Dungeness Crab Fishery Opens November 6 Under New Regulations. Shellfish Safety Notification for Sonoma/Mendocino County Line to Point Reyes](#) for all applicable regulations.



### Craig's List Sales for Salt Water Fishermen Coming Soon

A few of our members recently donated a large collection of new or lightly used items. In an effort to get these items to new homes by Christmas, we will soon be listing them on Craig's List as a HASA fundraiser. Funds received will go toward continuing HASA's mission. Be watching your email for a notice when the sale starts. The full list of items is about two pages long, but here is a sample:

- Shimano talus Blue Water Series 5 ½ foot rod with Shimano Tyrna 30 II reel
- Shimano TVC-66m 5 ½ foot rod with Penn 4/0 reel
- Electric Scotty downrigger with 3' arm plus a 3' crab trap puller arm
- Two Canon downrigger covers
- Airmar P79 thru-hull transducer
- Polaris iv500s electric reel
- Two twelve-pound downrigger weights
- Shimano Trevala 7-foot rod with Shimano Tyrnos reel

# 2021 Long-Range Tuna Trip

By Bo Harkins

On July 27<sup>th</sup>, Gary Graham and I went on a 5-day Baja trip out of San Diego on the American Angler. We boarded the boat and were on our way to Guadalupe Island. This was my first time on a long-range fishing trip. I didn't know what to expect in the way of fishing gear, so I brought all the lures I could come up with.



We arrived the next day at the island and started fishing. I had to learn the basics of fly lining and I ended up with a 90 pound yellowfin tuna that day. The next day I was able to catch two more in the same class range. I was hoping to do better on the third day, our last day fishing. I was able to land five more yellowfin and we still had some more time to fish. The captain positioned the boat dropped anchor and said two more hours, get what you can get before we leave. For the next hour and a half I was able to land three more with the last one being my best at 110 lbs. I figured I lost ten tuna to the sharks and pulled eight hooks.

Some of the other guys were asking me what I was doing that they weren't? I told them this was my first trip, and I was learning from them on how they were fishing. The only thing that could have been different was I was wearing a Trump hat. They all got a kick out of that. I ended up with the most fish landed on the boat for the trip, a total of eleven. On my last fish I was next to Wayne, who asked me what I was doing different. I showed him my reel and told him I was out 800 feet from the boat and was getting bit again. When I tightened the drag he realized I was long lining more than they were (so I was doing something different than the rest of them), but it was too late for him to catch up with me.



P.S. I am going again next year. Bo Harkins



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## Smoked Salmon Alfredo

Recommended by Larry DeRidder

### Ingredients

¼ cup diced red pepper  
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½ cup diced green or purple onion  
½ teaspoon basil  
¼ cup diced yellow pepper  
½ cup diced mushrooms

1 teaspoon dill  
1 jar alfredo sauce  
1 package fettucine noodles  
smoked salmon to taste  
grated parmesan cheese  
salt & pepper to taste

### Directions

Cook noodles according to package directions. In a separate pan, sauté the peppers, onions and mushrooms. Stir in the alfredo sauce and bring to a boil, then reduce heat. Add spices and stir. Blend the smoked salmon into the sauce just before serving. Pour sauce over the drained noodles and gently toss. Top with grated parmesan cheese.



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## Update on the Eel River

By Larry DeRidder

We all know Eel River fall run Chinook salmon, once California's third largest run, has fallen on hard times in recent decades. There are multiple issues, but one of the most direct is water transfers out of the river – both legal and illegal. Clearly, no water means no fish.

By far the largest legal water transfer is via the Potter Valley Project, which utilizes two dams and a tunnel to divert water from the Eel River watershed to the Russian River watershed. The project is due for a mandatory 50-year license renewal. Two years ago PG&E made their intent to not seek renewal of the license for another 50 years official. That isn't surprising since the electrical generation portion of the project reportedly loses something like \$9 million per year and upgrading the system to 21<sup>st</sup> century environmental requirements would be expensive. A coalition of north and central coast entities are trying to work out just how PG&E's intended retirement from the scene will play out in the future. Parties involved include California Trout, Humboldt County, the Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission, the Round Valley Indian Tribes and Sonoma County Water Agency. Generally speaking, local interests want more water in the Eel to help with salmon and steelhead recovery efforts, while more southern interests want the water transfer to continue for irrigation and drinking water. Due to the complex nature of the problem, these parties requested an extension of time from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to work out a water plan and strategies for dam removal and restoration of the two river basins. That extension request was recently denied. In some ways the denial isn't all bad. Nobody really wants to own and operate the dams and associated power system – everyone just wants the water. As it stands now, without a buyer for the project, PG&E will be responsible for funding the decommissioning, rather than the local previously named parties.

As a practical matter the water diversion has been limited for several months, as the water level in Lake Pillsbury was too low to allow normal diversions through the summer. Maintenance inspections done while the system was offline indicated that wear and tear has made an 18- to 24-month repair job necessary before the existing power generation system can be safely restarted. Given those facts, it appears less likely that the previous operational plan will ever resume.

So, in many ways it's back to the negotiation and planning table. Until everyone agrees on a plan and the government approves it, PG&E will have to file for annual licenses. The dams will almost certainly come down, though the timetable is unclear. Some amount of water will almost certainly still be diverted to the Russian River, though in what quantity and on what schedule are also up in the air.

Alicia Hamann, executive director of Friends of the Eel River was quoted as saying, "Friends of the Eel River would like to see the partners withdraw their Notice of Intent to relicense as soon as possible so that we can move on pursuing the surrender of PG&E's license. We believe that license surrender is the most logical and efficient path to project decommissioning and dam removal. Dam removal is the single best move we can make for Eel River fisheries right now."

For more information on this project visit <https://www.twobasinsolution.org/>.

# The Big King

By Joe Polos

Many years ago my brothers Greg and Gene and their friend Eric made the trip up here from San Francisco to go salmon fishing with me. At the time I didn't have a boat, only a 7 ½ HP Sears Ted Williams outboard. We packed up our fishing gear, the motor, gas tank and lunches and loaded them onto one of the old rental boats at Trinidad. We got everything situated and started putting out into the fog. With that little motor, the four of us, and that heavy boat it took awhile for us to get offshore as we plowed through the gentle swells. We eventually caught up with a few boats that were trolling so we got our gear out. Fishing was pretty slow, but we would get enough bites to keep our attention and we landed a few 6-10 pound kings and silvers. Then nothing. But we kept fishing because they traveled far, and I told them fishing was good, so we were going to fish until we had limits or had to be back to the dock.

While the fish weren't biting we were getting into that state where you kind of zone out in the gentle swells. Gene was reclining up in the bow half asleep holding his fishing rod and his line was close enough for me to reach. So I grabbed his line and gave it a few good tugs. He sat up yelling that he had one but quickly realized what had happened as the rest of us burst out laughing. He didn't quite like the joke we played on him and sent a kick toward Greg since he was the closest. Fortunately he missed but he hit the tray of anchovies that had a nice stiletto (the knife not the shoe) sitting on the top. Well, as luck would have it that knife made its way over the gunwale and into the sea, which almost caused another skirmish.

Once things settled down we got back to fishing. Since things were so slow I decided to clean the fish and see what they were eating. I don't remember what I found but as I was cleaning the fish line started screaming off my Penn 209 with the clicker going. The line was going almost straight down. Once I got some wits about me I told everybody to reel in their lines and I turned the boat so I could start to follow the fish. After gaining some line by following the fish, and several other decent runs I felt that I was winning the battle. I told somebody to grab the net and don't miss. As I continued reeling, out of the depth came a beautiful but disappointing sight, a large blue shark. Everybody else wanted to keep it, but I didn't and there wasn't really enough room in the boat for the shark. As I continued reeling in the shark I got it close enough to grab my line below the flasher. Defying my fellow fishers desire to keep it, I gave the line a good yank and it separated surprisingly easy. I'm guessing it was close to breaking and I am glad I got to see what it was...although if I never did see what I had hooked it would always be the huge King that got away in my mind.



## Temporary Closure of Ocean Ranch Unit within Eel River Wildlife Area

By Larry DeRidder

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has temporarily closed the Ocean Ranch Unit within the Eel River Wildlife Area while heavy equipment is used in a restoration project. The project will affect about 850 acres and is intended to improve native fish and wildlife habitats and improve public access by establishing a formal trail system. The plan reportedly includes improved parking, installation of interpretive signs for visitors and a kayak launch point. Ducks Unlimited is overseeing the project, which is being carried out by McCullough Construction. Work will be suspended when adverse weather prevents further work for the winter, at which time the area will be reopened to public use.

If you would like frequent updates on matters affecting fishing, hunting and other outdoor activities throughout the state, go to <https://wildlife.ca.gov/News> and sign up for news bulletins direct from CDFW. Today's news item was about plans to increase salmon smolt production at Nimbus Fish Hatchery by 500,000 fish.



**HASA needs a new salmon representative.** My short tenure as the HASA salmon representative is coming to an end. At this time I cannot put the time necessary to represent the northern California salmon sport fishery. The participation in the PFM salmon season process is an important activity supported by HASA. It is important that somebody engaged in the local salmon sport fishery represents HASA and represents the needs of the local fishers. The annual process starts up in mid-February. Please feel free to contact me or any of the Board members if you have any questions.



## Press Release

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### News update from Nordic Aquafarms

- *Updates on the CEQA process – EIR to be released shortly*
- *Public Information meeting to be held on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>*
- *New Website with Q&A released*
- *Virtual Video Tour of the site to be released soon*

### Updates on the CEQA and permitting process

Nordic Aquafarms is pleased to announce that the Draft EIR for its land-based aquafarm planned for the Samoa Peninsula is expected to be released for a 60-day public comment period in November 2021. “Nordic listened to the overwhelming request from the community to do a full EIR and is not taking any shortcuts in Humboldt. Nordic was built on a vision of sustainability, and we take our vision seriously,” says Marianne Naess, Executive Vice President in Nordic and responsible for Nordic’s California project. Nordic Aquafarms representatives have now submitted all project documentation for the draft EIR to the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department, which is acting as lead agency for the terrestrial development. The county is reviewing and preparing those documents for public review and input.

“We expect that our EIR will demonstrate that we take the environmental impact seriously and that we have gone far in reducing all impacts from this development. To encourage and retain businesses like ours, it is also important that Humboldt County be deliberate and careful in ensuring that new development is protective of the long-term health of Humboldt Bay,” Naess added. “Nordic Aquafarms chose to locate the facility on the Samoa Peninsula because Humboldt Bay can provide the clean, cold water that is crucial to land-based seafood production. We are invested in ensuring the long-term health of the bay to protect water quality, the natural environment, and our business. Nordic will work hard to ensure that the Bay stays clean and looks forward to working with the Community to ensure this goal is met. We encourage everyone in the community to support economic development that are reliant on one of the greatest assets in the community.”

### **Public Information meeting**

Nordic is offering an opportunity for community members to hear an informal project update before the County's public comment period begins. Interested individuals are encouraged to attend Nordic's town hall meeting on Wednesday, November 10, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Nordic will provide a project overview, permitting updates and take questions from the audience.

Please contact Nordic's Community Liaison Lynette Mullen for more information or to provide input on topics that should be addressed in the meeting.

#### **Meeting information:**

When: 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 10, 2021

Where: Zoom

#### **Log-In Information**

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84965095451>
- Meeting ID: 849 6509 5451
- One tap mobile
- +16699006833

Please note that because this meeting is open to all visitors, guest video and audio features will be disabled. Questions will be received via chat or can be submitted via email prior to the meeting to prevent unwelcome visitors from sharing offensive content. We apologize for any inconvenience or frustration this may cause.

For more information or support in logging into the meeting, please contact Lynette Mullen at [lynette.mullen@gmail.com](mailto:lynette.mullen@gmail.com) or call (707) 845-0467.

### **Nordic Humboldt Webpage to address questions from the community**

Nordic is pleased to announce the launch of their online Humboldt County project webpage, which is located at <https://nafnewsdesk.com/humboldt-faq/>. The Webpage will be updated on a regular basis to answer questions from community members.

### **Virtual Video Tour of the site to be released soon**

Nordic has commissioned a virtual tour of the Samoa Peninsula project site. The video traces the history and development of the site, current conditions, and future plans in order to give the community a better understanding of current site conditions and Nordic's plans for development.

The video will be available shortly. Please email [lynette.mullen@gmail.com](mailto:lynette.mullen@gmail.com) to be notified when the video is released.



## ATTENTION HUMBOLDT AREA FISHERMEN AND MARINERS

### Marine Cable Installation Under Way **Through November 2021**

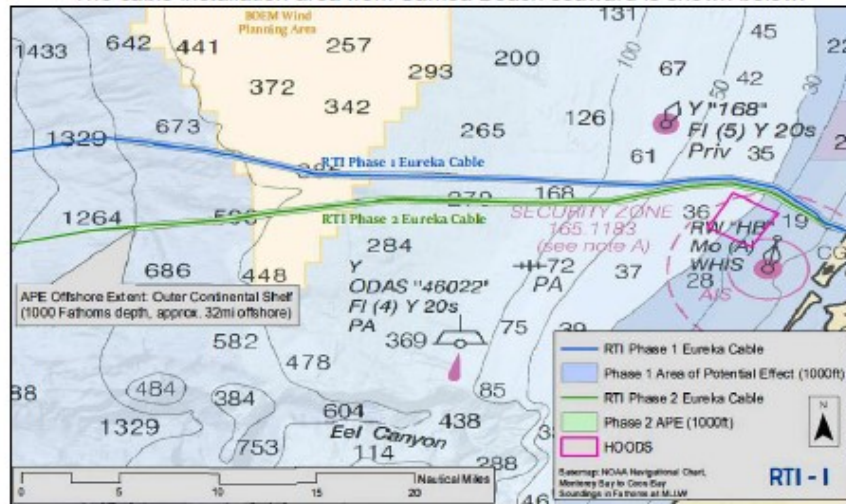
Installation operations for the RTI-I Subsea Cables is under way. Sea conditions are causing delays in the installation process. The operations are planned to recommence on **OCTOBER 27** and continue until **NOVEMBER 30, 2021**.

Installation operations will be conducted by the 379' Cable Ship Segero and an attending support vessel equipped with ROV, the 266' M/V Cindy Brown Tide, which will be under restricted maneuverability while towing equipment to monitor the cable touchdown and burial. A local fishing vessel has been engaged as a guard vessel to assist in on-water communications during the cable installation process.

Fishermen and mariners are requested to maintain safe operating distance of at least 0.5 nautical miles from the installation vessels which will be operating under restricted maneuverability. The planned Eureka fiber optic cables will link northern California's internet, telephone communications and other data to the global communications network.

### **Fishing Gear Clearance Requested in Cable Installation Areas through NOVEMBER 30, 2021**

The cable installation area from Samoa Beach seaward is shown below:



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Call Sign: DSP24  
Cable Ship -- (Under Restricted  
Maneuverability)

Sea Risk Solutions LLC

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Phase 1 Cable Route Position List

Latitude		Longitude		Depth (m)
40 °	48.610 ' N	124 °	12.939 ' W	16
40 °	48.619 ' N	124 °	12.972 ' W	17
40 °	48.709 ' N	124 °	13.278 ' W	20
40 °	49.035 ' N	124 °	13.676 ' W	25
40 °	49.239 ' N	124 °	13.790 ' W	32
40 °	50.597 ' N	124 °	15.944 ' W	33
40 °	51.059 ' N	124 °	18.112 ' W	36
40 °	50.963 ' N	124 °	20.262 ' W	46
40 °	50.688 ' N	124 °	22.222 ' W	46
40 °	50.814 ' N	124 °	25.032 ' W	200

Phase 2 Cable Route Position List

Latitude		Longitude		Depth (m)
40 °	48.599 ' N	124 °	12.945 ' W	16
40 °	48.607 ' N	124 °	12.978 ' W	16
40 °	48.689 ' N	124 °	13.322 ' W	20
40 °	49.062 ' N	124 °	13.918 ' W	27
40 °	50.341 ' N	124 °	16.119 ' W	29
40 °	50.784 ' N	124 °	18.080 ' W	32
40 °	50.647 ' N	124 °	20.241 ' W	34
40 °	49.897 ' N	124 °	24.153 ' W	36
40 °	49.891 ' N	124 °	24.663 ' W	157
40 °	49.885 ' N	124 °	25.577 ' W	200

Fishermen are requested to avoid setting any longlines, crab pots or other fixed gear within 0.5 nautical miles either side of the above coordinates and instead shift it to north or south for the duration of operations. We greatly appreciate your cooperation and assistance.

For more information fishermen and mariners are encouraged to contact Fisheries Liaison Wolfgang Rain at +1 206 427 6553, or by email at: [wrain@searisksolutions.com](mailto:wrain@searisksolutions.com)

**Notes from Newsletter Manager:** In our continuing quest to make this newsletter more interesting to our membership we will continue to ask for article ideas and pictures from the HASA membership. I can be reached at [jcphasa@gmail.com](mailto:jcphasa@gmail.com). The deadline for submission of materials for the 2021 Fall newsletter deadline will be somewhere around **early February**. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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