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**Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District to Receive
Grant Funding for Coordination of Marine Protected Area Array Proposals
and Collaborative Fisheries Research**

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The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District has received two grant awards to support its science and management programs. One grant, for \$50,000, will be used to support the Harbor District's efforts to work with fishermen, tribes and conservation groups from throughout the North Coast to design marine protected area (MPA) array proposals for submittal into the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative MPA design process. The second grant, for \$198,490, will be used to develop a collaborative fisheries research program between the Harbor District, Humboldt State University and fishermen from Mendocino, Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. Specifically, this partnership will gather information regarding nearshore fish populations that will be informative for future fisheries management and adaptive management of MPAs.

The grants were awarded to the District by the Resources Legacy Fund Foundation, a Sacramento-based public charity with programs to conserve and restore natural landscapes and marine systems.

The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District is a special district created by an act of the State of California legislature for the purpose of promoting national and international shipping, navigation, fisheries, recreation, and the protection of natural resources.

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