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**Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District Requests
Applications for Humboldt Bay Management Plan Advisory
Committee**

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The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District (District) is pleased to announce that it has started the recruitment process to form the Humboldt Bay Management Plan Advisory Committee and is accepting applications from individuals interested in serving on that Committee. Application forms can be obtained from the District office at 601 Startare Drive, Woodley Island, Eureka, CA 95501 or by printing them out from the District's website www.humboldtbay.org. Completed applications must be received by the District by 4:00 PM August 15, 2008.

As adopted by the District, the Humboldt Bay Management Plan (HBMP) envisioned that there would be the creation of a Humboldt Bay Management Plan Advisory Committee (HBMPAC) that would work with the District's Director of Conservation Division to prioritize the more than 100 policies adopted in the HBMP and bring policy implementation recommendations to the Board. The ideal HBMPAC members will have appropriate knowledge necessary to appropriately represent their membership category, work well as a team with others and be able to participate fully throughout their term by attending potentially at least 1 meeting per month. It was also envisioned that as the HBMPAC required additional input, technical information or research to develop these implementation recommendations, subcommittees could be formed to provide advice or information on the particular subject. The subcommittees would then sunset after their task was completed.

On March 27, 2008, the District Board of Commissioners approved a structure for the HBMPAC. On June 2, 2008, the District's Director of Conservation, Adam Wagschal, began his employment at the District and is tasked with oversight of the HBMPAC.

Humboldt Bay Management Plan Advisory Committee (HBMPAC):

Membership: The HBMPAC shall consist of one member of each of the following categories: Agency land managers including one representative each from the City of

Arcata; the City of Eureka, County of Humboldt; Bureau of Land Management; CA Department of Fish and Game; Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge; Wiyot Tribe; and Stakeholder representatives including one representative each representing sport fishing; paddlers; waterfowl hunters; tourism; commercial fishing; recreational boaters; mariculture; water quality; commercial shipping; transportation; habitat restoration; and education.

Membership Appointments: Each member of the District's Board of Commissioners shall rank the names of qualified individuals submitting applications. These rankings will be delivered to the District Chief Executive Officer. The rankings from all Commissioners will be tallied by the Board President, Vice-President and CEO and developed into a slate of proposed HBMPAC members. This slate of proposed members will then be presented to the Board of Commissioners for consideration of committee appointments at a regular District Board meeting.

Terms of members: Initially, for the first committee appointments, the agency land managers will be appointed to four-year terms and the Stakeholder representatives to two-year terms. At the end of these first terms, the terms of all appointments will be four years.

Limitations on HBMPAC: The HBMPAC is established in an advisory capacity to the Board of Commissioners, serves at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners and cannot incur any expenses in the performance of their duties without written consent of the Board of Commissioners.

Committee Staffing/Oversight: the Director of Conservation Division will staff the HBMPAC. CEO and District Planner will provide additional committee oversight. Two Board members will be appointed annually by the Board President to represent the Commission on the Committee.

Ability to Form Special Topic Subcommittees: The HBMPAC may request permission from the Board of Commissioners to form, amend or disband any technical, scientific or other subcommittees as necessary to assist the HBMPAC in their work.

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APPLICATION

Humboldt Bay Management Plan Advisory Committee Applications due to District 4:00 PM August 15, 2008

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____

Email: _____

Membership Category*: _____

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Why would you like to be on this Committee?

Please describe your experience as related to the membership category that you have selected.

If appointed, would you agree to fully participate in the Committee's work including attending at least one meeting per month and periodically reviewing documents? _____ YES _____ NO

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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The Position:

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Questions? If you have any questions regarding the Committee, the position or the process, please contact Adam Wagschal, Director of Conservation, Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District, at 707 443-0801 or at adam@portofhumboldt.org.