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**HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN that U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) applied for a Harbor District Permit for the Long Pond Tidal Wetland Enhancement Project (Permit 2025-03). This notice is being given consistent with District Ordinances and the Harbors and Navigation Code. Staff will follow standard procedures to review and evaluate the project. Following that analysis, the permit will go before the Board for a decision.

The Long Pond Tidal Wetland Enhancement Project is a two-phase habitat restoration effort within the Salmon Creek Unit of the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, approximately 1 mile west of Highway 101 near Loleta, California. Phase 1 involves removal and replacement of an existing failing tide gate structure at the mouth of Long Pond with a dimensionally equivalent structure (approx. 1,500 square feet). Phase 2 will restore approximately 6.5 acres of upland habitat adjacent to Long Pond by converting it into functional brackish and salt marsh wetlands. Restoration activities will include the creation of tidal channels and ponds to improve hydrologic connectivity, expand floodplain function, and increase habitat diversity. Large woody debris, such as stumps and logs sourced from within the refuge, will be strategically placed to provide habitat structure, perching sites for birds, and sediment stabilization.

The exact location and nature of the proposed project are on file in the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District office, 601 Startare Drive, Woodley Island Marina, Eureka, CA 95501 and <https://humboldtbay.org/public-notices-announcements-information>. Interested parties are invited to submit in writing any comments or requests for a public hearing relative to the proposed activity to the District office or districtplanner@humboldtbay.org. Written comments should be submitted no later than thirty (30) days from the date of this notice.