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SUBJECT: COMMISSION FIELD TRIP (**THURSDAY**)  
(For the Commission meeting of September 13, 2012)

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The Commission field trip will view **some or all** of the following sites, as time allows. With exception to the first stop, the following list of tentative sites is subject to change. A more detailed description of the route and sites with maps and photos follows the listing of sites.

The **first field trip stop is time certain, commencing at 2:30pm at the GP Mill Site. Meet at the entrance gate at Cypress St. west of Highway One.** ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST COMPLETE A RELEASE AND WAIVER LIABILITY WAIVER FORM (AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD ON THE COMMISSION'S WEBSITE OR AT THE COMMISSION MEETING) AND PRESENT IT AT THE GATE PRIOR TO ENTRY. GATES CLOSE AT THE GP SITE AT 2:45 pm. NO LATE ENTRY.

Members of the public may follow in their private vehicles to each site.

- 1. Georgia Pacific Mill Site (Drive through with planned stops).** Meet at the entrance gate on Cypress St., west of Highway One, in Fort Bragg. We will view the expansive former industrial mill site along the Fort Bragg shoreline that is the subject of a specific area plan land use planning process.
- 2. South Harbor Drive, Noyo Harbor (Full Stop).** From Cypress St., Drive south on Highway One, turn left at Ft. Bragg-Willits Rd (Highway 20), turn left onto Harbor Drive, and turn right onto Basin St. (passing the boatyard and parking on your left). Park in the large parking area by the boat docks. We will meet at the upper parking lot overlooking Noyo Harbor with Harbor Manager Jerry Kleinbach to introduce the Noyo Harbor to Commissioners, and hear the status of repair efforts following damage from the March 2011 tsunami.
- 3. Ten Mile River CalTrans Overlook (Full stop),** drive north on Highway One 10.3 miles and pull off to the left at the overlook parking area above Ten Mile River. We will view the completed Ten Mile River Bridge that the Commission previously approved and meet with Renee Pasquinelli, Senior Environmental Scientist with CA State Parks, for a brief introduction to MacKerricher State Park and State Park's proposed dune rehabilitation project.

4. **Seaside Beach (Drive by):** View site of future proposed CalTrans road retrofit project while driving north.
5. **Newport Inn and Kibesillah Trail (Drive By).** View the site of recent Commission action authorizing improvements to the Inn. The area is designated highly scenic. Also view glimpses of the newly-opened Kibesillah Trail that parallels the highway.
6. **Town of Westport (Full Stop).** From Highway One, turn right and park along Pelican Drive. Cross the street to Westport Headlands to appreciate vistas of the northern Mendocino coastline. Return south on Highway One to Fort Bragg.





We begin by meeting at the GP Mill Site entrance gate, at the junction of Highway One (Main St.). Commission staff will turn right onto Cypress St. Pull into the gate as directed by staff. **HAVE YOUR LIABILITY FORMS READY TO HAND TO ONE OF THE PEOPLE STAFFED TO TAKE YOUR FORM.** When you present your form you will be handed a tour map of the site.

We will drive single-file through the GP site with 1-3 designated stops. The tour will end where it began, at the entrance gate at Cypress St.

From there, turn **Right** onto **Highway One**, driving south and crossing over the Noyo Bridge. Notice the rail design that allows you a view of the river below. Turn **Left** at **Ft. Bragg-Willits Rd (Highway 20)**, turn **Left** onto **Harbor Drive**, and turn **Right** onto **Basin St.** (passing the boatyard and parking on your left). **Park in the large parking area by the boat docks.** We will meet at the upper parking lot overlooking Noyo Harbor. Bathrooms are available.



From Site #2, return to Highway One (turn **Left** onto Harbor Drive, then **Right** onto **Highway 20**, then **Right** again onto **Highway One**), drive north on Highway One 10.3 miles (approx. 20 min. drive), and **pull off to the left at the overlook parking area above Ten Mile River**.

After viewing the Ten Mile River Bridge and introducing Commissioners to MacKerricher State Park, if time permits we will continue northward to the quiet town of Westport.

After you depart the site, continue north on Highway One. Be sure to look at **Seaside Beach** as you drive past, noting the proximity of the highway to the sea at this point, the well-used public access, and adjacent agricultural lands and wetland areas.



Just a couple minutes (1.5 mi.) north of Seaside Beach, on your left you'll see construction occurring at Newport Inn, which was permitted by the Commission last year under CDP A-1-MEN-07-028 (Jackson Grube). This is a designated highly scenic area.

Notice at this site the newly-created Kibesillah Trail, which opened to the public in June of this year.



Drive just under 5 miles (8 minutes) to the quiet town of Westport. Once you enter town, turn right onto Pelican Drive and park alongside the road. Cross the street and walk to the Westport Headlands to enjoy the vista of this northern stretch of the Mendocino coast.