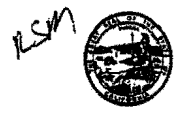


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DATE: May 24, 2002

TO: Coastal Commissioners and Interested Parties

FROM: Steve Scholl, Deputy Director  
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SUBJECT: **FORT BRAGG LCP AMENDMENT NO. 1-02 (AQUACULTURE)**  
For the Commission meeting of June 13, 2002, Item # Th 19a

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Amendment Description:

On March 18, 2002 the Commission received an LCP amendment transmitted by the City of Fort Bragg. After review by Commission staff, the Executive Director determined that the City's LCP amendment was in proper order and legally adequate to comply with the LCP submittal requirements of Section 30510 of the California Coastal Act, and Sections 13551-13552 of the Commission's regulations.

As submitted, City of Fort Bragg LCP Amendment No. 1-02 would amend both the land use plan and implementation program of the City's certified LCP to:

Allow aquaculture as a conditionally permitted use in the Harbor District and the Heavy Industrial District in the coastal zone.

Pursuant to Sections 30512 of the Coastal Act, LCP Amendment No. 1-02 must be scheduled for public hearing and the Commission must take action within 90 days of the date the transmittal was determined to be complete. The 90<sup>th</sup> day after the transmittal of LCP Amendment No. 1-02 was determined to be complete is July 5, 2002. Therefore, the LCP Amendment would need to be scheduled for Commission review at or prior to the Commission's June 11-14, 2002 hearings.

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However, after further analysis of the City's amendment request, Commission staff has determined that additional time is needed to analyze consistency of this proposed LCP amendment with Coastal Act requirements. This amendment raises complicated issues regarding measures necessary to best safeguard coastal resources from the impacts of aquaculture development on water quality and intertidal habitat. Thus, a time extension is necessary to allow staff to conduct further research and adequate analysis, and to prepare an appropriate staff recommendation to the Commission.

Coastal Act Section 30517 states that the Commission may extend for good cause the 90-day time limit for the Commission to act on an LCP amendment for a period not to exceed one year.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission vote to extend the deadline for Commission action for up to one year.

MOTION:

I move that the Commission extend the 90-day time limit to act on Fort Bragg Local Coastal Program Amendment No. 1-02 for a period not to exceed one year.

Staff recommends a YES vote. An affirmative vote of a majority of the Commissioners present is needed to pass the motion.