

June 14, 2006

**Revised Public Notice for Water Quality Certification and/or
Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects)**

CA Dept. of Boating and Waterways – Pedrazzini Boat Launch
WDID No. 1B06018WNHU

Humboldt County

On February 23, 2006, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from California Department of Boating and Waterways requesting Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects) for the Pedrazzini Boat Launch project, located near the town of Loleta in the vicinity of Cockrobin Island Road, Humboldt County. Regional Water Board staff deemed the application complete on May 3, 2006. The proposed project will cause disturbances to waters of the United States associated with the Ferndale Hydrologic Subarea No. 111.11.

On May 3, 2006 we posted a public notice regarding the project. During the public comment period, it was brought to our attention that the public notice did not include information regarding the cast in place section of the ramp and the apron for the ramp that are part of this project. We are hereby posting this updated public notice, which includes information about these components of the boat ramp project.

The purpose of the proposed project is to replace the existing gravel boat launch, stabilize erosion along the bank, and make improvements to the parking lot. The applicant proposes to replace the gravel boat ramp with a 20 x 40 foot push slab concrete ramp. Prior to installation of the ramp, the applicant will remove approximately 130 to 150 cubic yards of soil from the ramp area and replace it with 80 cubic yards of compacted gravel, in order to provide a base for the concrete ramp. The ramp will be pushed into place when the channel is low, typically in late summer. The upper 20 x 40 foot portion of the ramp and the 20 x 60 apron will be cast in place. These activities will occur during the dry season and during low flow events. Cement wash out activities will occur offsite. The material removed for ramp preparation will be placed in the parking lot area along with 800 cubic yards of gravel. The applicant proposes to remove parking lot vegetation located approximately 25 feet from the channel. Six alder trees removed from the parking lot, measuring 6 to 16 inches in diameter, will be placed in the Eel River below the boat ramp per the Army Corp of Engineers permit (No. 299880N) and the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); NOAA staff indicate that this material will benefit salmonid habitat. In order to control streambank erosion, the applicant proposes to place 140 tons of riprap to armor approximately 150 feet of eroded bank immediately adjacent to the ramp. The proposed project will not require dewatering. All equipment staging will occur in the parking lot area. The total area of impact to waters of the U.S. resulting from the ramp replacement is 0.09 acres.

Compensatory mitigation is not required for this project. Non-compensatory mitigation measures include implementation of Best Management Practices for sediment and erosion control. All equipment staging will occur in upland areas. The project is estimated to begin in August 2006.

The proposed project is authorized under the United States Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit 13 for Bank Stabilization and Nationwide Permit 36 for Boat Ramps, pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. Section 1344) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (33 U.S.C. Section 403). The applicant has applied for a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (1600 Permit) from the California Department of Fish and Game. The California Department of Boating and Waterways, as the lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has determined that the project is categorically exempt from CEQA (Class 1 Section 15301) for Existing Facilities and (Class 2 Section 15302) for Replacement or Reconstruction.

Regional Water Board staff propose to regulate this project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and/or Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act authority. In addition, staff will consider all comments received during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Diana Henriouille at (707) 576-2350 or email DHenriouille-Henry@waterboards.ca.gov or Catherine Woody at (707) 576-6723 or email Cwoody@waterboards.ca.gov within 21 days of the posting of this notice.