

8.0 HISTORIC SITES

Initial screening of the National Register of Historic Places and the Cultural Architectural Resource Management Archive for Maine did not identify any sites or structures that would be impacted by the development. Further consultation with the Maine Historic Preservation Commission (MHPC) and federally recognized Indian tribes in Maine began in June 2018 to identify possible historic sites, historic structures or archaeological sites that may be impacted by the development.

In September 2018 the MHPC was notified of a potential archaeological site located within the project area and the completion of a Phase I Archeological Survey was recommended. This survey was conducted in September 2018 by Northeast Archeology Research Center, Inc. (NE ARC), whose director is listed on the MHPC approved prehistoric archeologist list. The study included the excavation of 196 test pits along 27 sampling transects across the site and pipeline easement properties. According to the final “Nordic Aquafarms Development Project Archaeological Phase I Survey, MHPC# 0737-18” (**Appendix 8-A**) no archaeological sites were identified, and no additional archeological work was recommended. Following a review of this report by the MHPC staff archeologist, and a review of updated project details, in October 2018 the MHPC concluded in a set of letters that no historic or archaeological properties would be affected by the development (**Appendix 8-B**).

Initial and updated project plans were sent for consultation to the following federally recognized Indian tribes in Maine: the Aroostook Band of Micmacs, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation. An October 2018 response letter from the Penobscot Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (**Appendix 8-C**) stated that the project appears to have no impact on a structure or site of historic, architectural or archaeological significance to the Penobscot Nation. No other tribal responses have been received to date. Certified mail receipts documenting letter delivery to each tribe are presented in **Appendix 8-D**.

In summary, the proposed development will not adversely affect any historic sites, historic structures or archaeological sites.

APPENDIX 8-A

Nordic Aquafarms Development Project Archaeological Phase I Survey, MHPC# 0737-18

APPENDIX 8-B

Copies of Maine Historic Preservation Commission Letters

APPENDIX 8-C

Response Letter from the Penobscot Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

APPENDIX 8-D

Certified Mail Receipts