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*RE: Nordic Aquafarms, Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity for Intervention*

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are abutters to the site of Nordic Aquafarms, Inc.'s proposed land-based salmon aquafarm in the City of Belfast. Our abutting property is located at 38 Perkins Road, Belfast, Maine. We request that we be granted intervenor status in the Public Hearing process.

As abutters, we are entitled to intervenor status as members of a class which is or may be, substantially and directly affected by the proceeding. As abutters, we own a property that was intended to be our retirement home but has already been substantially harmed by Nordic Aquafarms' proposed project and the changes to zoning and the City Comprehensive Plan that have been made to accommodate it.

Nordic proposes a land-based salmon farm of industrial size that will be one of the largest land-based salmon farm operations in the world. It proposes to use up to 1.7 million gallons per day of fresh water, and discharge 7.7 million gallons per day of wastewater into Belfast Bay, using new technologies to manage the pollutants that have never been tested on such a scale. Given the size of the operation, the untested nature of the science and technologies involved, and the potential risk to city aquifers, the environment, vulnerable species, ecosystems and local fisheries, it is imperative that all interested parties and the public at large have an adequate opportunity to participate in an open hearing process with the ability to present evidence for the Department's consideration. This is particularly true since the Department has little experience with land-based salmon farming technology and does not have a set of strong, time-tested

regulations specifically designed to regulate land-based salmon farm operations. What transpires in the consideration of this application will be critically important in informing the consideration of future applications for similar operations in Maine.

We appreciate your consideration of our request for intervenor status and are prepared to fully participate in the hearing process.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Daniels

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