

Hearing - NAF

My name is Eric Cohen-Solal. I live in Monroe with my ~~family~~ <sup>wife</sup> family. I have 3 children.

This is my brief

Let me try to give some perspective on what is playing here. <sup>mainly</sup>

Looking at the history of the last two centuries, large companies <sup>mainly</sup> focus on one goal: profit.

This is not their fault. They have shareholders to report to.

In general, <sup>as</sup> ~~infected~~ <sup>think they</sup> ~~are~~ forced to.

A company like Nordic will push what they know how to do.

They have no direct incentive, unless <sup>forced to</sup>, to align their goals with long term concerns like Water source protection, ~~possible~~ contamination, public health issues, impact on tourism <sup>and fishery</sup> having an industry constantly discharging in the ocean, no long term guarantee on employment.

~~They can leave anytime they want.~~

If we are lucky, they have good ethical practices. Most of the time, the only way to make sure that a company does not behave against public trust is to have an individual or a group of citizens to exert some form of monitoring and expose relevant information or activity that is deemed unaddressed, illegal, unethical, or against public interest, confronting a company ways of doing business.

Fracking is a perfect example. <sup>today</sup>

The oil and gas industry has no idea <sup>what to do</sup> with the massive amount of contaminated water it's creating. Fracking fluids and waste have made their way into the drinking water and aquifers in Pennsylvania, Colorado, Ohio, Wyoming, New York, and West Virginia.

There is a constant tension between the limited amount of public <sup>money</sup> ~~resources~~ for independent Research and the fast time frame of large companies.

Unfortunately, regulations can <sup>mostly</sup> ~~only~~ address generic questions NOT specific ones.

Only Research and public scrutiny can avoid catastrophe. And time is needed.

So, what do we do? ~~uhh~~

The main arguments of Nordic aquafarms - in a nutshell - is wealth for Maine and proteins.

Well!

Ignorance is bliss! ~~Right!~~

~~We just want to offend it.~~ This project and its consequences are not well understood by Nordic.

I'm against ~~the~~ the project -

Thank you.

Their expert is ~~just~~ <sup>only</sup> ~~questionable~~ -