

my name is Gretchen Heilman Piper and I am a working mother of four children living in Swanville, ME.

I wish to address 3 areas of potential impact.

1. The potential impact of our fresh water, streams + wetlands.

Each of my children have grown up hiking the little river trail system several times in each season so I am

crystal clear that the impact of 40 acres of infrastructure will decimate the mature forest, wild life habitats + wetlands. The rights of the animals, trees, and streams must be upheld.

From what I heard today this project will use as much water as they can + if a source goes dry they will feed the fish less + wait "several weeks" to resume but what if a drought lasts months or years? This is not a smart or acceptable use of fresh water period.  
no thank you.

2. the potential impact of waste discharge on water quality, fisheries, marine resources,

+ other uses.

people come from all over the world to sail this unique + beautiful coastline.

I sail, swim, canoe, kayak and visit the water + beach in Northport with my family year round + I refuse to allow 7.7 million gallons per day and because it takes 14 days to fully disperse in the bay, 107 million, 800 thousand gallons of "effluent" containing we don't know exactly what they are feeding the fish, as well as bacteria, viruses, chemicals, no thank you.

I am concerned about the temperature of the water they are discharging, algae blooms, local fish populations, the mercury they could be disrupting, no thank you.

3. The potential impacts to air quality, we know this is a carbon intensive project. at 43 I've witnessed climate concerns become a climate emergency in my lifetime + I refuse, given the only other operation like this in the world is less than 1/5

of its proposed size, I refuse to gamble, with an experiment against nature and too many unanswered questions, I refuse to pass this problem onto my children, when the profit from this project will not even be staying in the community let alone The country.

For most of the 20<sup>th</sup> century "If you want to go to Hell fast go to Belfast" was a regional joke because of the stench from poultry processing. We don't want to go backwards we can not only do better we can create + inspire environmentally sound, carbon sequestering projects that benefit our town, Belfast for generations to come.

Please please please deny these permits!  
thank you.