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To the Bureau of Environmental Protection:

I have so many concerns about damage to the environment from the proposed Nordic Aquafarms factory, that I hardly know where to begin! What are the potential damages?

Would anyone be surprised if the gargantuan water use proposed, led to depletion of our aquifer-- depletion of aquifers being an increasingly common story in this century's news. (I am so sorry that our Maine state law does not protect us from this kind of water use-- our law is left over from the days of dug wells!)

Would anyone be surprised if in excavating the sea floor for pipe trenches, disturbing mercury in the sediment led to closure of fisheries? (I remember two years ago Nordic's telling us about drilling horizontally underground from factory to deep water in the Bay, and my being impressed with the technology.)

Would anyone be surprised if effluent from the factory caused pollution or algal blooms that slowed or reversed the recovery of the Bay and the recent return of fish stocks? (I believe we should nurture and protect our oceans, not give up on them!)

Do we think we can afford to destroy a valuable green space at the mouth of the Little River that serves our ecosystem with wetlands, habitat for many species, and carbon-sequestering soil and mature growth trees. (I am horrified by the idea of deep excavation and filling of that site to make place for a factory!)

In the face of climate crisis, can we afford to permit a factory that has the carbon footprint of a small city?

We need food production that does not damage the environment, but rather protects and regenerates it-- small scale, local food production in harmony with natural ecosystems, not factory farming.

I hope we can we depend on our environmental protection agencies to protect our environment!

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