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Dear Sirs,

I am an elderly woman of 89 years, I have been living in Belfast, ME for two years. Before that, I lived in Waldo County for 41 years, and before that in NYC. I was very happy when I was able to move to Belfast, even though I visited all the time when I didn't live here. It is a great town.

When I heard about the Nordic Acquafarms planning to build here, I was extremely upset. Before even looking into the immensity of the proposal. This is a small, beautiful town of 7,000 people. As I read it, and as I heard at the meetings I attended, this is an enormous operation. I know the town's taxes are high, and perhaps the town fathers were thinking that some tax relief was sorely needed, but surely not to this extent? And, does anyone really know what financial relief we will get? Can we not come up with some other formula that will give tax relief? In addition to that, when I heard of the immensity of disruption of the beautiful park land and waters I thought this definitely should not be done.

The amount of disruption of the various elements involved has been discussed over and over, the disruption of many acres of park land, the enormity of the amount of water needed from the bay and of the amount of returned sewage water, testing the town's water system. The disruption of the ecology of the grounds and water, just now when it is recovering from previous misuse, and when previous species are returning to the waters, according to the experts. The noise which will change the serenity of the area. The noise, the amount of vehicles that will be going in and out, replacing the soil for under the tanks and returning the enormous amounts of soil, and during the fishery operation. And from what I've heard, the company will not (or cannot?) give any indication of what the fish will be fed. That is important to know, don't you think?

I won't go on; there is much more to discuss from smarter heads than mine. I just know; I have been around at my age, you know, this will be a disaster for Belfast, and when they leave in 30 years or so, they will leave a totally ugly blotch on our beautiful land.

Please consider my request to turn this proposal down.

Thank you for listening.

Truly yours,

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