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## NordicAquaFarms.DEP@maine.gov

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To the members of the Board of Environmental Protection:

I attended the four days of hearings regarding the Nordic Aquafarms permit applications held Feb. 11 through14, 2020 at the Hutchinson Center in Belfast. Thank you for your time, energy and thought. I'm attaching two letters which I hope you will read – one is my request for Intervenor status which was allowed. The second is a letter that I wrote addressed to 'Neighbors and Friends' and was desseminated by BaysideMaine.com to all subscribers.

I have lived in Northport on Belfast Bay since 1977. This beautiful, rural location is where our two children were born, went to school. As adults they cherish their trips home.

If Nordic is permitted, the factory they will build will be 8x the footprint of the Mathews Brothers factory on Perkins Road, the buildings will be 45 feet tall with generator smoke stacks standing 64 feet tall. The acres required for the buildings will be excavated prior to construction as the soil is not solid enough to support them. The wastewater will discharge to Belfast Bay laden with materials, TSS, BOD, nitrogen, phosphorus, perhaps bacteria, viruses and chemicals used to fight those pathogens. What irreversible harm will that do? Will our beaches remain pristine?

Nordic has chosen a design that is too large and a location that is too beautiful to warrant disregard of its value.

Please

-Require an Environmental Assessment – what biota really live along the Little River? -Require an Environmental Impact Study – what will be the result of the proposed discharge vis a vis all forms of life in our waters?

Thank you,

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