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Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0017

Re: Opposition to Nordic Aquafarms in Belfast

Dear Maine DEP:

I am a resident of Camden and have grave concerns about the impact of Nordic Aquafarms' proposed salmon factory on the Little River where it flows into Penobscot Bay.

I have a number of concerns, but am opposed to the project primarily because of its impact on the health of Penobscot Bay and the necessity for Maine to address our climate crisis, e.g.:

- 1) the warming of the Bay and the impact this will have on the Gulf of Maine fishery- the discharge from the factory will be warmer than the Bay temperature;
- 2) the introduction of chemical and biological pathogens- nitrogen, phosphorous, antibiotics, etc. that will flow through the filtration system into Penobscot Bay, and
- 3) the impact on our climate- massive infrastructure, huge carbon emissions, especially during construction, enormous electricity demand that will overwhelm our ability to get to carbon neutral power in this region and the State.

It is my understanding that better aquaculture systems exist that require significantly less energy, recycle all of their waste, and do not run the risk of the antibiotics, pesticides and caustic cleaners Nordic requires getting into Penobscot Bay.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Anthony P. Grassi