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To the Department of Environmental Protection, our Trusted Board of Overseers, Guardians, and Stewards of the natural resources of our magnificent State of Maine.

Please, I beg you to consider the big picture of the proposed corporate scheme of Nordic Aqua Farms. I submit this project to be driven by greed and a complete disregard of the destruction of nature which essentially underpins the Nordic Aqua Farms (NAF) Project. This project, if allowed, will completely destroy a much-loved gift of nature, loved by old and young alike. The Little River Estuary, the surrounding forest and the many creatures, large, small, and microscopic who live in this well-loved natural area of Life, will be wiped out of existence.

Please, can we take a moment, widen our lens, recognize the massive commodification of these creatures (and their relatives) and the daily ongoing destruction of our planet, not just here but across the globe?

Can you feel the negative energy of this project as it has spread its “us/them” contagion throughout the community of Belfast? Does NAF care about the fall-out their project has created in our community? Absolutely not, just the opposite, as their only goal is to make oodles of money and if our precious natural eco-culture and our community culture is destroyed in the process, so be it.

Greed has no conscience, in fact just the opposite. These venture capitalists sit around board tables for months on end, designing their marketing plan and know ahead of time the real possibility of push-back from community members. They fully recognize and stoke the fires of the negative energy wrought from the anger, misunderstanding, and miscommunication in the communities they invade. They foster this divisiveness, why, because that's how they butter their bread, on the dark side of human nature.

As I spoke at the Department of Environmental Protection public hearings this past week, my voice quivered and broke several times, still with so much at stake, I pushed myself to share what many in our corner of the world have come to appreciate about this, our great State of Maine, the Silence. In my nature walks throughout the mid-coast area, I've met many visitors and invariably they remark, we love Maine, it's so quiet here, so dark at night and the air so clean (they also mention the limited amount of traffic to deal with).

Please, I appeal to the Department of Environmental Protection to use the power the people of Maine bestowed upon you, to use the powerful arm of governmental oversight to deny any and all permitting requests proposed by Nordic Aqua Farms. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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