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I have reviewed many of the claims represented in the form letter being circulated by opponents to the Nordic project and believe that many of the claims are either false or greatly exaggerated. As a long time resident of Bayside Maine, I have been swimming in Penobscot Bay for 60 plus years. I have appreciated the cleaning up of the bay over the decades and value clean air and water. In reviewing the proposal of what Nordic plans to discharge, I have confidence that the bay and air will be fine. I believe the claims of destroying pristine woodlands are greatly exaggerated. I value the little river trail, and believe the proposed plan which creates a 250 strip along the reservoir will be a good solution and fear that if this project does not happen that the water district might sell the land to a developer who will then build luxury waterfront homes which will end the public use of the trail.

You will be scrutinizing the discharge permit to ensure that our bay will be protected. Because of the state of the art water treatment system Nordic proposes to build, and the very predictable characteristics of effluent that will be treated, I am confident Nordic will be able to maintain its water discharge standards. I do believe that the effluent should be monitored on an ongoing basis to ensure the discharge that meets with DEP guidelines.

I studied aquaculture in college, have done extensive research which included visiting both the center for cooperative aquaculture research in Franklin and the Aquaculture research institute at the university of Maine in Orono. I have also studied RAS systems, and believe this is the best current solution for raising animal protein. I therefore dispute the conclusion of some of the opposition to the project, that this farm is an environmental disaster for the area.

I am concerned that the vocal opponents who are passionate, create the impression that most of the people living in the near vicinity of the Nordic operation are opposed to it. I for one am not.

Sincerely

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