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Subject: opposition to Nordic project

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Members of the Board of Environmental Protection,

I write to express my strong opposition to the Nordic Aqua Farm project in Belfast.

I am extremely concerned that the dredging to construct the discharge pipe will harm both the surrounding Little River Estuary and ultimately the entire upper West Penobscot Bay.

I am extremely concerned that the effluent produced on a daily basis will raise nutrient levels and include toxins, harming the fishery of the West Bay.

I am extremely concerned that the site development involves unprecedented excavation of thousands of tons of soil over many acres, impacting the Little River and surrounding terrestrial and aquatic habitats. I am concerned about the hydrological impacts of intensified ground and surface water withdrawal.

I am extremely concerned about the air emissions resulting, first from the 5-year construction window, and thereafter from the generators used to power the fish factory - especially in the face of Governor Mill's efforts to address carbon emissions and climate change.

I am not assured by Nordic's assertions, that the environmental impacts to the bay will be small. I am not persuaded that an industrial facility of this unprecedented scale will be able to mitigate impacts to salt and freshwater habitats.

Finally, I am highly disturbed by Nordic's statements that the terrestrial habitats represented by the site are not unique, therefore justifying their destruction. Nordic has maintained for months that the Little River site is uniquely suited to their needs. The same confluence of ecological factors - marine, estuarine, riparian, terrestrial - that makes this site suitable for Nordic also makes this site environmentally sensitive and unusual in the entire midcoast. Nordic's contention appears to be that the environmental costs of their project can simply be borne by other landowners in the area who choose not to develop their land.

For these reasons I ask you to deny these permits.
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Morten Moesswilde
Belfast