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Subject: opposed to Nordic's proposed fish farm in Belfast

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I am a resident of Belfast, Maine, at 64 Village Road.

Let it be known that I am opposed to the Nordic Aquafarms fish farm planned for our community for the following reasons:

1. The fish farm effluent will pollute our waters with added chemicals and nutrients that can cause permanent damage to our ecosystem:

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2. The amount of water required for their proposed system is enormous.

Water is a precious resource, one we should always be careful with.

Moreover, with climate instability in our near future, we should not be putting our water supply at such risk.

3. Destruction of the land by the water district, which is precious wildlife habitat (and one I enjoyed regularly as a restorative place for walking in nature), is not acceptable to me.

4. I don't want to take a chance on a major company from overseas. I believe in supporting local companies, to keep the dollars flowing through our community.

5. The size and scale of this project is unsustainable. Nordic doesn't have experience with a project at this scale. If it fails, it could have a major negative impact on our economy, our environment, our entire community.

Please say no to Nordic. We can do better than this. Belfast is full of creative thinkers and makers, people with financial resources, people with the wherewithal to build a local, sustainable, big revenue-generating alternative that will truly benefit our community over the long haul.

Thank you.

Lily Piel