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Dear members of the BEP,
I am resending this letter as I neglected to put my town of residence on the copy I sent yesterday. Sorry for the omission.
Deborah Capwell

Dear Members of the BEP,

As I am presently traveling abroad, I was unable to attend the hearings re: Nordic AquaFarms' applications for permits held this past week. I am very sorry to miss them, as I have been working hard (with many others) for the past two years to protect our small community from this devastating mega project. I am not a specialist of any kind, but I AM a grandmother deeply concerned with leaving my grandchildren a happy, healthy, sane, and livable community and wider world.

Bottom line is, the Nordic AquaFarms proposal is not good for Belfast, Northport, and the surrounding area. Cutting down 30- 40 acres of forest when we should be doing our best to protect carbon-sequestering woods is foolish at best. Gambling that we will have enough groundwater for this factory and also for our citizens in a time of climate emergency and resource uncertainty is risky. Committing to five or so years of construction, with it's disruptive effects on traffic, noise pollution, and probable negative effect on tourism, is shortsighted. Removing thousands of tons of soil and replacing it due to construction requirements seems almost insane.

But, aside from all this, please don't forget: Nordic AquaFarms does NOT have TRI!
The only way they can access the Bay for their effluent pipe is through the intertidal zone owned by Jeffrey Mabee and Judith Grace. Jeffrey and Judith have NOT given permission for this to happen. They are presently involved in a very costly and time-consuming lawsuit to protect their property. Nordic does NOT have valid surveys to support their claims to access via the Eckrote's easement. They do NOT have a legal way to access our Bay!

There is much more that could be said, but for brevity's sake, let me close by reminding you that my grandchildren's, and all our grandchildren's birthright are the beautiful woods, water, and clean environment that nourishes us all. Let's not throw it away for the sake of shareholder profit and sushi in NY, Washington DC, and other major metropolitan centers.

Sincerely,
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