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To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of Northport, my family is opposed to the NAF project proposed for Little River on several counts.

- 1.) It is too large
- 2.) Too experimental
- 3.) Risks outweigh rewards.

We in Belfast and Northport are not here to ensure that a multinational corporation makes money and the likes of Eric Heim get rich. We are here to sustain a bay that has, in the past, been badly polluted by big business, enjoy a way of life that scales small with an unspoiled environment. I have a friend in Europe who is an expert fish farmer (he will not go on record for fear of “biting the hand that feeds him”) but he says there will ABSOLUTELY be a plume in the water where the 7.9 million gallons of effluent are discharged daily—a bay in which my kids swim every day in summer. He says it will ABSOLUTELY have an effect on the health of the bay—the only question is, how bad will the effect be? Why is Maine’s DEP so willing to risk algae blooms, fish kills, and pollution in one of its prime tourist draws? For so many reasons that others have stated more eloquently than I can, please don’t rubber stamp this project. If it were a quarter of the size and NAF was willing to build small FIRST as proof of concept, I could likely support the venture. But NAF wants it all up front. By the time something goes wrong, it will be too late and the citizens of Maine in our area will be left holding the bag.

Sincerely,  
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