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Hon. Robert S. Duchesne, Presiding Officer
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RE: Air Permit Application Process Logistics Questions

To the Presiding Officer and Board of Environmental Protection:

This letter affirms that, on behalf of the Northport Village Corporation (NVC), we support the concerns and documentation indicated by Upstream Watch in their communication of August 15, 2020. In addition, we are attaching two (2) letters of concern received by the NVC from Bayside residents.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Spritz, President, Northport Village Corporation

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August 1, 2020

Hon. Robert S. Duchesne, Presiding Officer

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RE: Nordic Aquafarms proposed plant in Belfast

Dear Mr. Duchesne,

My family is deeply concerned about the proposed Nordic Aquafarms plant in Belfast. While we understand that it may provide additional income to a still relatively depressed part of the state, we believe that the true environmental impact of the plant is unknown. The discharge of an enormous quantity of waste water will have an, as yet, undetermined effect on animal life in the bay at a time when water temperature is clearly rising. A large fraction of the population of communities on the east and west sides of the bay depend upon the bay for their livelihood and even small alterations in the water could permanently wipe out their jobs. The plant itself will be an eyesore and impact local businesses in the area which depend upon the summer tourist influx.

There is no way to accurately model the environmental impact that the plant will have in the area. It would be much better to place it in an area that is already home to other industry, rather than have it potentially harm rural Maine and the neighboring bay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven M. Rothman". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a light-colored background.

Steven M. Rothman, MD

To:

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As property owners and residents of Northport, we support the Northport Village Corporation's position on the Board of the Department of Environmental Protection's draft Findings of Fact/Draft Board Order for the air permit application for Nordic Aquafarms large on-site power plant. In particular we support the NVC's position on the following points:

- The Department of Environmental Protection owes the citizens who have been deeply involved in the process an unbiased summation of the Application and not simply suggest a forgone conclusion when summarizing its Findings of Facts.
- We request a Single Purpose Comment Process for a Facility of this Size and Complexity. We request that the Draft Finding of Facts be extracted from the Draft Order and the draft license for comments first with respect to completeness, relevancy and omission of facts.
- It is imperative that emissions from the entire "facility" or "source" for construction, operations, and maintenance be examined together before someone can reasonably comment on these specific emission units. Therefore, we request to delay Chapter 115 Comments so that they can be discussed with SLODA Air Emissions.
- We request that BEP extend the deadline for the Chapter 115 draft Finding of Facts comments to coincide with the comments from the SLODA application draft Findings of Facts.

Respectfully,

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