

Dear Maine BEP,

Please deny Nordic Aquafarms their permits for their pipeline request. It puts the Belfast Bay and greater Penobscot Bay and even greater coast of Maine and beyond at risk for disturbing the buried Holtrachem Mercury. According to the Maine Lobstering Union, The value of the Waldo County lobster catch has an economic worth to the Maine and Midcoast economies of in excess of \$9 million and \$15 million annually. As a new company to Maine, Nordic has failed to demonstrate adequate understanding of how potent such a loss could be to Mainers. Imagine the mid-coast without lobster. Imagine the Mid-coast with so many lost jobs. ~~Imagine the~~ ~~Waldo~~ ~~County~~

I am also deeply concerned about the noise which will be produced by Nordic's construction. It has been documented by many in Fredrikstad, Norway that Nordic's fish factory noise levels have ripped through the homes of neighbors and a daycare center nearby. It is astonishing to me that Nordic's factory is sinking into the ground and now they must make more noise to fix their problem. 14,000 truck loads of removed soil is predicted here in Belfast. What problems will they encounter with their experimentally massive complex? What additional noise will be added? Is Nordic going to compensate families when they move away due to dried wells, noise disturbance, and the lost value of their properties while their generators boom away?

How are we to trust their promises? Their track record demonstrates that we cannot. Will we pass permits with a "trial by error approach"? Please, consider asking the Bay, Does it want this? Please ask the children? Do they wish to swim in water contaminated by industrial waste? Do the lobstermen want it? The answer is no. The risk is too great. Belfast will resist to the end and so will the Bay.

Thank You,

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