

Thank you for being present.

*Nancy Durand Lanson*

I am Nancy from Monroe. My husband and I came to Maine 4 1/2 years ago to finish raising our family. ~~We wanted to be part of a community living, in closeness with nature and the rhythm of the seasons.~~ *Maine was a conscious choice*

When I first heard about the project ~~I wasn't for or against it,~~ I wanted to hear more. As months passed what I was hearing and seeing didn't make any sense.

I saw City officials quickly changing regulations to adapt to a project, in order to rapidly secure a deal with corporate money.

I could read Nordic's disregard for the environment, despite shouting that their fish plant is ecofriendly. Their actions are leading examples, the pipe length changed 3 times to the benefit of Nordic, not the bay. The effluents got closer to the coast and people's property. Creating more issues than they started with.

I am concerned as the discharge will raise the temperature of an already alarming fast warming Gulf of Maine. The temperature difference between the sea and the plant water discharge will be between 2 and 34 degree F. No matter how much water there is in the bay, it will change the temperature as a higher positive. I was at the DEP annual climate council meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup> and the second scientific presentation was exactly on that topic and on how climate change is affecting Maine's coasts. They referred to fish species moving north of Maine as the water is getting warmer, and that water surges are already affecting coastal developed areas This plant in addition to the one in Bucksport will highly contribute to the warming of the bay, as well as changing its salinity. DEP needs to put 1 and 1 together and realize that this kind of project is how we got into a climate change emergency, and that your strong immediate actions are necessary to reduce Maine's emissions by 2030, our first reduction's deadline. You are NOT to add to Maine's emission for your colleague's to clean up. And WHO will if you are the one paid to do it and are not able to oppose tensions? It has been done and doesn't work. *if needed* Travel and go around US to see at a few small communities affected by *big* projects like this one, Or go to Nordic's first *factory in denemark* plant and see the ~~reality of such a plant and of their neighbors~~ *And* Realize that DEP isn't aligned with its mission. Right Now. And that like us you should be standing for what you are paid for. There is no humans without a clean Earth, therefore no economics.

*and* Feeding the world isn't a task that pertained to Belfast. This town and many around are thriving on the small scale businesses much in trend today.

I will finish with this quote from William Cowperthwaite from his book A Handmade Life "Our understanding of beauty has the potential to affect economics as well. When we buy a car or anything else, we vote with our wallet, giving our support to the production system that manufactured it." As it should be applied to every situation. How in the name of climate change can you still consider such projects by over seeing what is in front of your eyes? We will not solve climate change by supporting industries that are damaging the environment, despite saying they are not.

I will finish by saying that  
Baldid after the little river's  
site isn't appropriate for Nordic  
to build a fish factory

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