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Dear DEP members,

I'm not opposed to any project that is sound and well-prepared. As a **medical scientist**, my focus has always been to understand the intent of a new project, its benefits, advantages and solutions, as well as the precise assessment of its risks.

Looking at this project over the course of its presentation by NAF, my own Research and all the documents posted at the DEP website, there is an **overwhelming amount of questions with no, or problematic answers or, just wishful thinking**, from Nordic Aquafarms.

The testimonies on site blasting, water, effluent contaminant and pathogens, fish mortality, risk for human health, carbon emission, etc that question the construction and daily operations described in the NAF applications called for a new level of cautious investigation. **well, they didn't pass the test, NAF does not deserve to be granted a permit.**

There are alternatives to avoid extracting so much pristine water, using solutions with zero effluent and reducing fresh water usage. **NAF does not even consider these alternatives.**

Their application is NOT a scientific proof of their ability to safely operate and prevent catastrophic events. There is nothing to compare with, at the size they want to do it, in a place like Belfast, with so many economical and ecological potentials but no place for such a gigantic project, **with a high probability of disastrous failure and consequences for the region.** Their project is not viable.

At a moment where all our resources and basic life principles are being altered and compromised, to the point of possible human destruction, **the level of amateurism of this company is frightening.**

This is the time for courage and conscious decision. This is the future of our children. They are already judging us with tears and helplessness.

I implore you to stop this ill-prepared and harmful project.

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