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To: the Maine Board of Environmental Protection
From: Sandy Lord, Belfast, Maine
Re: Nordic Aquafarms Proposal

February 18, 2020

I am a resident of Belfast and have been following the process of permitting the Nordic Aquafarms salmon farm. There are so many aspects of this project to evaluate and a number deeply concern me. Most notable to me are preserving the quality of water in our bay for the fish and shellfish and the vast ecosystem that supports it for its own sake. I am also concerned about protecting our freshwater sources from excessive draw down. Thirdly, I am concerned Nordic does not have adequate funds nor the proven track record in RAS fish culture.

However, we have an answer to this dilemma right in front of us !!

Whole Oceans in Bucksport has already started its project. Why don't we watch what happens there, wait a few years and re-evaluate Nordic's application. This seems utterly sensible and logical. We can see how the technology works on a smaller scale and monitor its impact on the bay. We would also have more evidence by that time that Nordic has the funds and the expertise to make this large project viable.

Sincerely,

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