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To: The Maine Board of Environmental Protection

I ask you to deny this permit entirely. Belfast is a thriving community with a growing local food movement, two weekly farmer's markets, and a cooperative grocery store with nearly 5,000 members, all with a concern for our planet, for clean air, clean water and healthy food.

Approving this gigantic industrial fish factory would be a giant step backward, at a time with all of us need to do everything we possibly can to stop the rapid diminishment of our environment.

Belfast does not need a 16 Million watt diesel-fuel-powered electricity generating station. And Belfast certainly doesn't need the pollution of the fleet of diesel powered trucks necessary for the building and the operation of this enormous factory.

Penobscot Bay is recovering from years of abuse and is a treasure for residents and visitors alike. To jeopardize this bay by allowing the installation of an enormous pipeline, requiring blasting and dredging, and the discharge of millions of gallons daily of treated sewage, is incomprehensible.

I am one of those who have been standing on the corner of High and Main streets in Belfast for 2 hours every week for more than a year. Our presence there with signs stating the impacts of this proposal has elicited a nearly unanimous positive response, week after week.

Please, make the right decision, in harmony with with new paradigm we must all learn to live by, if we are to have a livable, thriving future.

I thank you for your consideration.

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