STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



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MELANIE LOYZIM **COMMISSIONER**

June 9, 2021

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Sent via electronic mail Delivery confirmation requested

RE: **American Aquafarms**

> Application for Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) Permit Maine Waste Discharge License (WDL)

Dear Ms. Ransom:

The applications for American Aquafarms for Bald Rock (FB02) and Long Porcupine (FB01) have been reviewed by the Department staff and are hereby accepted pursuant to 06-096 CMR Ch. 2, Rule Concerning the Processing of Applications and Other Administrative Matters.

As authorized by 38 M.R.S. §352 (3), the Commissioner may designate an application as subject to special fees when a particular application, by virtue of its size, uniqueness, complexity or other relevant factors, is likely to require significantly more costs than those listed on Table I (of §352, see also the Department's published fee schedule). The Department has determined that the MEPDES application and future permit applications associated with the construction of this project will be subject to special fees. Please note that special fees are in addition to any annual fees such as annual waste discharge license fees specified in 38 M.R.S. §353-B.

The Department will generate quarterly billing of fees for actual agency costs of processing the application including but not limited to staff time, travel, and supplies. Please provide an appropriate contact where Department staff may direct special fee invoices to American Aquafarms.

If you have any questions regarding the matter, please feel free to call me at 287-7823.

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Sincerely,

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