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July 10, 2019

Via Facsimile (207-287-2814) and U.S. Mail  
Mark C. Draper, Chair,  
Board of Environmental Protection  
17 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0017

Re: Nordic Aquafarms, Inc.:  
Petition to Intervene: Northport Village Corporation

Dear Chair Draper:

Please be advised that the Northport Village Corporation hereby intervenes in the Nordic Aquafarms, Inc. Application. Because the Petitioner's project has the potential of having a substantial and direct affect on the interests of the Northport Village Corporation if the project is permitted, the Village petitions for intervenor status.

The Northport Village Corporation's substantial and direct interests in the proposed project are set forth in the attached letter sent earlier to the Bureau of Environmental Protection.

Therefore, we respectfully request that Northport Village Corporation be added as an intervenor and receive all notices and be afforded an opportunity to participate in all conferences and hearings on this matter. All notices and information should be sent to the above address.

Sincerely,

Judy A.S. Metcalf  
Overseer

JASM/rt  
cc: Cynthia Bertocci, Executive Analyst  
Maine Bureau of Environmental Protection  
Enclosure



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June 18, 2019

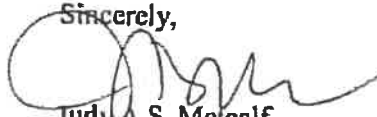
Via email and U.S. Mail – [Cynthia.s.bertocci@maine.gov](mailto:Cynthia.s.bertocci@maine.gov)  
Cynthia S. Bertocci, Executive Analyst,  
Board of Environmental Protection  
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Re: Nordic Aquafarms, Inc.

Dear Ms. Bertocci:

In connection with your email of June 14, 2019, enclosed please find a copy of a letter from the Northport Village Corporation dated June 17, 2019 in connection with Nordic Aquafarms, Inc. The original of this document is on file with Carol Dibello, of the Bureau of Submerged Lands.

Sincerely,



Judy A.S. Melcalf  
Overseer

JASM/rt



June 17, 2019

Carol Dibello  
Submerged Lands Coordinator  
Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry  
Bureau of Parks & Lands  
22 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Carol:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of Overseers of the Northport Village Corporation (NVC), the entity that governs the incorporated municipality of the Village of Bayside, within the Town of Northport and adjacent to the City of Belfast.

As I believe you know, the residents of Bayside have a keen interest in the application by Nordic Aquafarms to build and operate a land-based salmon farm in Belfast. Representatives of the NVC have reviewed the most recent applications for permits, filed by Nordic Aquafarms on May 24. We believe there are issues in these permits serious enough to warrant a public hearing. Such a hearing will allow Nordic Aquafarms to either deal directly with these issues to the satisfaction of the public and state officials or allow the latter to require additional information for the permit applications.

Among the issues that concern us:

- Bayside's waters, mooring field and public space are adjacent to the wastewater discharge outflow. We are concerned about not only the normal daily discharge impacts discussed, but also the long-term accumulative impacts at or near the discharge location.
- The application's environmental and operational assumptions do not take into account the potential for inclement or severe weather or climate conditions. Anywhere in Maine, and especially on Penobscot Bay, we are accustomed to ice, wind, rain, and wave events that wreak havoc on expected and traditional performance of man-made systems.
- There are a host of unanswered questions regarding topics such as the fish food that will be used at the salmon farm, including its origins and its effects upon the Penobscot Bay waters into which it will ultimately be deposited.
- The application does not appear to include any form of short- or long-term stress testing upon the proposed system, including the impact of a worst-case discharge.

June 17, 2019

**The economic well-being of Maine's Midcoast, and especially the greater Belfast area, depends heavily on tourism and our clean, welcoming landscape and waters. As an elected body responsive to its local landowners, the NVC wants to ensure that these landscapes and waters are pristine for future generations.**

**To this point, the NVC has remained neutral on the Nordic Aquafarms proposal. We believe that a public hearing will allow state agencies, Nordic Aquafarms, and the public to speak to and vet the above and other concerns. A hearing may also require the proposal to be revised, to properly address the realities of such a large project on a particularly significant ecosystem.**

Sincerely yours,

Northport Village Corporation



John Spritz  
President