

STATE OF MAINE
BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

NORDIC AQUAFARMS, INC.)	
Applications Pursuant to Air Emissions,)	
MEPDES, SLODA and NRPA)	
I-28319-26-A-N/L-28319-TG-B-N)	
L-28319-4E-C-N/L-28319-L6-D-N)	
Proposed Salmon Aquaculture Facility)	PETITION TO
Belfast, Maine)	INTERVENE OF
)	TRUDY MILLER
)	AND THE SCHOOL
)	OF FISH

I, **TRUDY MILLER**, on my own behalf and on behalf of the so-called **SCHOOL OF FISH**, hereby file this request to intervene in the above captioned proceeding. On May 17, 2019, Nordic Aquafarms, Inc. (“NAF”) filed an Application with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (“Department”) pursuant to Maine’s Air Emissions, Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, Site Location of Development Act and Natural Resource Protection Act to construct a salmon aquaculture facility in Belfast, Maine. On June 20, 2019, the Bureau of Environmental Protection (“BEP”) assumed jurisdiction over the project.

In accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, as amended, any person demonstrating that he or she is or may be “substantially and directly affected” by an agency proceeding may “intervene as a party to the proceeding.” 5 M.R.S. § 9054. On June 27, 2019, the Department issued a Notice of Opportunity to Intervene. For the reasons described more fully below, **TRUDY MILLER** and the members of the **SCHOOL OF FISH**. will substantially and directly affected by NAF’s Application due to NAF’s expected positive benefit on property taxes and water rates, and other reasons listed below, therefore, request that the BEP grant this petition for leave to intervene as a party in BEP proceedings regarding the NAF Application.

The **SCHOOL OF FISH** is a non-incorporated grass roots group of Belfast area citizens formed to educate our wider community about the expected economic impact of the NAF project on our lives and on the lives of our region.

TRUDY MILLER therefore respectfully requests Intervenor status in the above captioned proceedings.

TRUDY MILLER also asks that the following parties be added to the service list for this matter:

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Date: July 11, 2019



[signature of representative]

Statement of substantial and direct effects of the NAF Application.

I, TRUDY MILLER, own property in both Belfast, Maine and Bayside Maine. (Bayside is a Village Corporation which gets its public water from the Belfast Water District.) Therefore I can expect that my property taxes in Belfast and my water rates in both Belfast and Bayside will all be favorably affected by the purchase of the land from the Belfast Water District and the successful creation of the Nordic facility. This is true not only of me but of course of all property owners in Belfast and people who get their water from the Belfast Water District. These reduced rates will be a direct positive effect on all of us.

With respect to the creation of SCHOOL OF FISH, we formed to organize a forum/roundtable about the expected economic impacts of the NAF project. Topics are to range from the larger statewide view of land-based aquaculture down to local issues such as taxes and also direct and indirect job creation and the effect on related industries and education. We are independent of and unsupported by NAF. We felt that it was necessary to perform this educational service because of the avalanche of negative publicity which has surrounded the NAF project from the moment it was announced. There has been a relentless and ubiquitous domination of public discourse via Letters to the Editor, meetings, presentations, protesting and speakers/questions at NAF public meetings. This one-sided dominance of discussion has made it almost impossible for people to evaluate the NAF proposal for themselves with respect to either its environmental impacts or its economic impacts. The opponents of NAF have presented little to no relevant scientific information but have cloaked their assertions in pseudoscience and unsubstantiated fear-mongering and have had a large effect. People like myself and my colleagues in the SCHOOL OF FISH, and many others in the community, who feel generally positive about the NAF project and who trust the state and federal environmental permitting process, have been forced to push back or to let the false narrative overtake our community. None of us ever thought it would be necessary to publicly defend what appears to be a highly beneficial corporation coming to our town. That defense and the conflict which sparked it have been time and energy consuming and emotionally draining. I would argue that we have already been substantially and negatively affected by the NAF Application through absolutely no fault of the people at Nordic Aquafarms.

There are many forms of pollution and environmental degradation. We have been experiencing the degradation of our social and civic environment for over eighteen months. We are asking for our voices to also be heard at the BEP hearing.