

STATE OF MAINE
BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

NORDIC AQUAFARMS, INC.)	
Applications Pursuant to Air Emissions,)	
MEPDES, SLODA and NRPA)	University of New England
1-28319-26-A-N/L-28319-TG-B-N)	Petition to Intervene
L-28319-4E-C-N/L-28319-L6-D-N)	
Proposed Salmon Aquaculture Facility)	

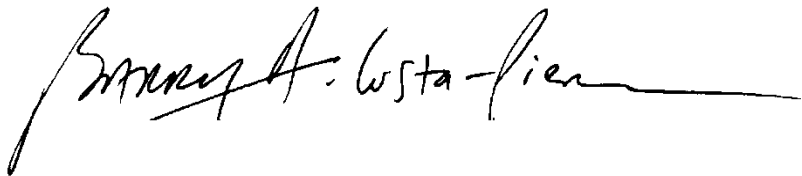
The University of New England (UNE), by and through its undersigned representative, Barry A. Costa-Pierce, hereby files this request to intervene in the above captioned proceeding. On May 17, 2019, Nordic Aquafarms, Inc. (“NAF”) filed an Application with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (“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 party demonstrating that he, she or it 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, UNE may be substantially and directly affected by the BEP’s ruling on NAF’s Application due to impacts on opportunities for state-of-the-art aquaculture research with faculty and applied graduate and undergraduate employment and internships for students. UNE therefore, requests that the BEP grant this petition for leave for UNE to intervene as a party in BEP proceedings regarding the NAF Application.

The University of New England is Maine’s largest private higher education university, organized under the laws of Maine, with its principal place of business at 11 Hills Beach Road, Biddeford, Maine 04005, whose mission is to provide education, research and other institutional support to Maine and international businesses, including aquaculture.

Date: July 11, 2019

University of New England



Barry A. Costa-Pierce, its duly authorized representative