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Re: Nordic Aquafarms Permit Application- wastewater discharge system permit, Natural Resources Protection Act and Site Location of Development Act permits, and an air emissions license.

To whom it may concern:

I am a resident of Northport, ME and I'm writing to express significant concerns with the four permit applications pending before the Maine BEP from Nordic Aquafarms.

To be clear, I support economic development. I support technological solutions to the looming food availability challenges facing our state and our world.

I do not, however, support accelerated, poorly researched speculative (never done anywhere in the world at this scale) innovation that puts our natural environment at risk. I count on the BEP to protect the citizens and environment of Maine. In that role, the Board has to question the quality of the assumptions, research and science that Nordic Aquafarms has provided in support of their permit applications.

What should the Board question?

- The narrow windows of data collection about discharge and wildlife impacts
- The "evolving" forecast of fresh water demand forecasts provided by NA and the questionable assumptions about the risks of salination of our fresh water supply as a result of their water usage
- The lack of scenario analysis for downside events as well as upside events
- The limited analysis of air and noise pollution as a result of their facilities running at scale

Each of these gaps is substantial and requires additional input before the BEP should feel justified in issuing the permits to NA.

I hope that the Board will maintain its vigilance in guarding the irreplaceable environment of mid-Coast Maine as you consider these permit applications.

Sincerely,

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