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To whom it concerns,

Joseph Larrabee and I, (Armindy McFadden), lease the aquaculture site in North Port in the Penobscot Bay adjacent to where Nordic Aqua Farms proposes to discharge it's waste water. I am concerned that no one has alerted me of application filings' that directly effect our site even though I went to the meeting in Belfast, met with Eric Heine and spoke with him, I even gave him a t-shirt that I had designed a few years ago when I testified personally to the Board of Environmental Protections in order to stop the dredging in the Bay. I made my concerns known to Eric and have still not seen any answers to the nitrogen issues. I have learned since then there are a lot of other things they treat their fish with, how will this effect the mussels being grown, harvested, and eaten from our site? At the first meeting I was to there was an eight inch pipe expected to come out, after trying to get up to date with the plan I read online they now want a 36-inch pipe. During the video of a meeting I missed I watched the levels of Nitrogen projected to come out, this ratio is very alarming to me. I am very concerned about the effect on our product and the ecosystem that surrounds our sites it directly effects our mussels. I am not totally opposed to Eric's project as I told him, but I feel it should be done with the least amount of impact to the ecosystem possible, this Bay is finally recovering after many years of dumping, and over twenty years of filtration from our mussels, I believe we should be considered within the "mile" of people who get notified of these meetings. My phone number is 207-322-4674 or 207-223-5172, please notify us somehow of any hearings etc., they say the current is the same in the water column but it is not, they say there was not data to support previous levels but there was, we had to do a lot of testing to get that site going, I'm sure the information we submitted must be on a file somewhere with the Army Corps of Engineers, we also had to buy expensive equipment at the time. Many years have gone by now, and here we all are, basically we are looking at a pipe coming out and discharging directly up stream from our mussel rafts. This is a problem that needs to be looked at please get back to me so we may discuss. Joe fought hard to get this site years ago and I have fought equally hard to keep it.

Sincerely,

Armindy McFadden
Joseph Larrabee

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