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I am very much opposed to this development. I live in Bayside within a mile of the Little River. I travel to Belfast to the north regularly. Rt. 1 traffic has increased over the years particularly large truck traffic. This project will significantly increase in to and out of traffic to Rt. 1 via the Pierce Road. This would be a 90 degree turn on to Rt. 1 in either direction. Matthew Bros. shift changes add backed up traffic on the Pierce Rd waiting to exit on to Rt. 1. Vehicle trips projected for this project on to Rt. 1 are unacceptable. In the multi thousands from info provided at the hearings.

The carbon contribution is staggering. It is equivalent to adding 30,000 people to this area. These numbers are detrimental to the State of Maine's goals for 2030.

There has been a significant increase in algae growth over the years from Brown's Head south to Saturday Cove. My wife has lived here her entire life. She knows the beaches in this area.

It is known that the Bay is susceptible to increased temperatures. There are known issues with mercury buried beneath the sediments. The chicken business had its day with the Bay. Land development particularly housing in the Belfast Bay watershed contributes storm water runoff more so than it did 20 years ago. Culvert sizing in some areas are not adequate and neither is runoff control.

Stripping a forested area, removing huge quantities of clay and replacing all of it with huge quantities of concrete for a 30 year life span is unacceptable. Reuse of these structures is nil. Decommissioning costs are ignored.

I am not opposed to land base aquaculture. I think that brownfield sites are better suited for these projects.

Proximity to deep water is important. Rail connections even better.

Thank you.

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