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Good morning: I am a resident of Northport and a property and business owner in Belfast Maine, and I am writing to offer my support for Nordic Aquafarms. I believe our community would thrive with such a business in the area. We are in desperate need of some economic diversity, good paying jobs, and some tax revenue.

As a historian, I have read period accounts of the amounts of fish that used to ply the waters of the Georges Bank and Penobscot Bay. There are first hand stories of being able to push cod away from boats with oars and other stories about the sheer abundance of fish in our waters. Overfishing, pollution, and a growing population discovering coastal recreation, have contributed to declining fish populations. Nordic's business proposal would put Belfast on the map as a future world food grower.

We farm beef, chicken, vegetables, and everything else we put into our bodies, why not grow fish on land as well? The process protects natural resources that we hold dear as coastal dwellers.

My family and friends use the Little River cove with our boats every season. We spend perhaps 1 or 2 evenings a week in the summer rafted up in the Little River cove, swimming, grilling, and having a great time. We will still have a great time in the bay and in the Little River cove once Nordic completes its building process and do not anticipate changing our routine at all.

Nordic has already become part of our community and have shown good corporate governance by sponsoring events in downtown Belfast and generally contributing to our community.

I am all for this project and am very proud of what Nordic has proposed.

Thank you,
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