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Dear Fellow Resident,

My name is Suzanne Rico and I live in Northport off the Bayside Road. I am writing to make sure you are aware of the Nordic Aquafarms project planned for Belfast, Maine. Since the size, scope, and experimental nature of this proposed land-based salmon fish farm is unprecedented, it has the potential to adversely impact our bay. And while, as residents of Northport and Islesboro, we would not enjoy the projects estimated tax benefits, we certainly will share the burden of any negative environmental effects.

**Some salient facts:**

- The NAF project will discharge 7.7 million gallons of wastewater into the Penobscot Bay *per day*.
- The NAF project will extract nearly 2 million gallons of crystal clear water from the aquifer at Little River *per day*.
- NAF plans to produce, process, and ship 200,000 pounds of fish *per day*, which raises serious concerns about odor, traffic, and waste disposal.
- The nitrogen and phosphorus (which can lower water quality and cause toxic algae blooms) that NAF plans to discharge daily into the bay is estimated to be 15 times greater than the current daily amount generated by *the entire city of Belfast*.
- Originally NAF announced it would install a 1.5 mile long pipe into deep water in Penobscot Bay to discharge their fish waste. They have changed their plans, shrinking the pipe distance to extend just over 1/2 mile into shallow water. Predicting how this will affect our bay is so complex that even NAF's own experts say they've having difficulty.

I urge all residents who could be impacted by the NAF project to become informed. The Maine Department of Environmental Protection is the best way to make your voice heard. You can find Nordic's application for a Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit is on their website at <https://www.maine.gov/dep/ftp/projects/nordic/> Once the DEP deems the application complete (expected soon), there will be a 20-day **public comment opportunity**. **Email the DEP's Gregg Wood at [Gregg.wood@maine.gov](mailto:Gregg.wood@maine.gov) and request to be on the notification list so you will know when that 20-day window opens.**

Thanks. Please reach out to me directly at [srico@mac.com](mailto:srico@mac.com) if you share my concern.

Suzanne Rico

(please see opposite side for recent news articles on the NAF project)

**I am sending this letter as a private citizen, affiliated with no group and on my own dime, because I am worried about our bay. It would be easier—and cheaper!-- for me to communicate via email than snail mail so please send me your email address if you'd like to connect about this issue.**

**The Free Press**-Belfast Salmon Farm Starts Long Journey to becoming a Real Thing  
<https://freepressonline.com>

Many Questions Still Unanswered about Belfast Salmon Farm Proposal  
<https://freepressonline.com>

**Bangor Daily News**-Nordic to Expand Belfast Salmon Farm Property  
<https://www.google.com>

An Early Look at what a Giant Belfast Salmon Farm Could Look Like  
<https://www.bangordailynews.com>

Business Plan for Giant Maine Salmon Farm Spurs Local Concerns about Smelly Fish Guts  
<http://bangordailynews.com/>

**Organic Consumers**-Is Nordic Aquafarms Industrial Salmon Farm Good For Belfast?  
<https://www.organicconsumers.org>

You can also visit the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands' website--  
<https://www.maine.gov/dacf/parks/index.shtml> -- to search for Nordic Aquafarms' application for **the land** where they plan to build their pipeline.