

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

IN RE: APPLICATION OF NORDIC AQUAFARMS, INC.
MEPDES Permit # ME0002771
City of Belfast, Waldo County

UPSTREAM WATCH
REQUEST FOR HEARING

Upstream Watch, a not-for-profit corporation situated in the City of Belfast, Maine, respectfully requests the Commissioner or the Board of Environmental Protection assign the application of Nordic Aquafarms, Inc, for an MEPDES permit to discharge process waste into Penobscot Bay for a hearing in accordance with Maine's Uniform Administrative Procedure Act, specifically, Chapter 2, rule 7 of the Rules Concerning the Processing of Applications and Other Administrative Matters.

Upstream Watch is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt corporation (Maine Department of State, Division of Corporations Charter No. 20190094ND) dedicated to the restoration of Maine Mid-Coast rivers and streams to their natural state, the removal of dams and restoration of fish passages and habitat, especially (at this time) the Little River in Belfast, through a program of scientific inquiry, advocacy, education and, when necessary, legal defense. Upstream Watch has members from Belfast and the surrounding and nearby towns. Its members include people who live proximate to the proposed Project.

Upstream Watch has members who enjoy the Little River, the forested land beside the Little River, the hiking trails along the river, fishing in the Little River, and who enjoy the many benefits of Penobscot Bay, including swimming, boating, fishing and its many aesthetic values, all of which are threatened by the proposed Nordic Aquafarms, Inc. Project.

Upstream Watch includes members who live and farm adjacent to the site of the proposed Nordic Aquafarms Project and whose lives and farming activities including the raising of sheep, alpacas and other animals and the farming of mussels and harvesting of lobsters and crabs all of which will be damaged, disturbed and impaired by the proposed project, its noise, traffic and pollution.

As reasons for this request for hearing, Upstream Watch asserts:

The application of Nordic Aquafarms, Inc. is complicated and technical and, if granted, has the potential to significantly pollute Penobscot Bay. Upstream Watch has retained the services of experts who are prepared to testify concerning a number of critical aspects of Nordic Aquafarms, Inc. 's application. The adjudicator in this matter, be it the Commissioner or the Board of Environmental Protection, should have the benefit of gifted and qualified experts who will test the efficacy and accuracy of the representations made in the application and to hear from abutters and other members of the public who will be adversely impacted by this proposed project. In this manner, the adjudicator will be best able to render a decision in this matter that benefits Mainers living and working along the shore today and preserves the environment for generations yet unborn.

Wherefore, Upstream Watch respectfully requests that the Commissioner or the Board of Environmental Protection schedule the application of Nordic Aquafarms, Inc. for a Hearing in accordance with the Maine Administrative Rules.

Dated this _____ day of November 2018.

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