

Wood, Gregg

From: Des FitzGerald <des@bluemarvel.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 11:13 AM
To: Wood, Gregg
Subject: [EXTERNAL SENDER] Whole Ocean MEPDES permit

Dear Mr. Wood,

I'm writing in support of Whole Oceans and their present MEPDES permit application. I have gotten to know the founders of Whole Oceans through my role as Entrepreneur in Residence (EIR) at Maine Venture Fund. Although the fund did not choose to invest in this venture, as it's size is beyond the normal scope of our mission, I came to understand the breadth of Whole Ocean's commitment to this project and the community of Bucksport. As the founder and former CEO of Ducktrap River of Maine and Atlantic Salmon of Maine (ASM), I have had a long relationship with the salmon farming industry and am very familiar with it's ongoing challenges and innovations. In my mind the move to land based RAS systems is a natural evolution for this industry as it creates better accountability, containment and environmental controls. I have been impressed by both Mike Chorske and Rob Piasio's ability to understand the complexities of the process and the diligence with which they have approached all aspects of this start up in Bucksport.

I have also been serving on the Focus Maine Aquaculture Implementation Team which is working to help develop the aquaculture sector here in Maine. The Whole Oceans project is exactly the sort of investment that Focus Maine views favorably. Maine has the opportunity to lead the global aquaculture industry in RAS technology and offer a new class of food and farm related jobs for our coastal communities. I hope and trust that you will view favorably this MEPDES application from Whole Oceans.

Sincerely,

Des FitzGerald

Des FitzGerald
PO Box 177
Rockport, ME 04856
(cell) (207) 400-0981