



NORDIC  
**AQUAFARMS**  
SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE

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### **Nordic Aquafarms schedules supplemental Public Informational Meeting on discharge for December 17th**

BELFAST, Maine – Nordic Aquafarms Inc. has scheduled a supplemental Public Informational Meeting on the company’s MEPDES discharge permit application to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for December 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hutchinson Center in Belfast. Additional information will be provided regarding the project and its anticipated environmental impacts.

“We are voluntarily holding this additional informational meeting on our application to ensure that anyone with an interest in the project has a chance to discuss our discharge and ask questions,” said Commercial Director Marianne Naess, who oversees outreach and communications.

Project Director Ed Cotter said that all abutters and waterfront property owners within a mile of the proposed discharge and intake pipes have been sent a notice of the meeting. Nordic Aquafarms filed its discharge with the Maine DEP on October 19 and a draft permit is

expected soon. Once the draft permit is issued, the public will have 30 days in which to submit comments.

Cotter added that work on other major permit applications is ongoing and the company hopes to be ready to file them early in 2019.

### ***About Nordic Aquafarms and land-based production***

Nordic Aquafarms ([www.nordicaquafarms.com](http://www.nordicaquafarms.com)) is one of the premier investors and developers in land-based aquaculture internationally, with production facilities in Norway and Denmark. The company is developing sustainable fish farming practices for the future to deliver super fresh high-quality seafood to regional markets, with a low environmental impact.

In January, Nordic Aquafarms Inc., the company's U.S. subsidiary, announced plans for a land-based salmon farm in Belfast, Maine, to be built in two phases. Phase 1, with a capacity of some 16,000 tons, is currently being designed in Norway. Construction is expected to start in 2019, with operations commencing in 2020.

Land-based production is a rapidly emerging method for sustainable production of salmon. It is based on indoor production in large tanks and water treatment systems, and its benefits include: the ability to recycle and treat water on site to reduce overall water consumption, recycling of waste resources, the prevention of sea lice and parasites, the elimination of fish escape into the sea and co-mingling with wild species, the application of renewable energy concepts, and a shorter distance to market for a high quality, fresh product, reducing the carbon footprint of air and land transport.

The Nordic Aquafarms project represents a significant source of new investment, jobs and tax dollars for Maine's mid-coast and will help establish Maine as an innovator and environmental leader in commercial fish production.

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