



NORDIC  
**AQUAFARMS**  
SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE

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### **NORDIC AQUAFARMS INC. TO HOST PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING ON MARCH 26 IN ADVANCE OF UPCOMING PERMIT APPLICATION FILINGS**

BELFAST, Maine -- Nordic Aquafarms Inc. will hold a Public Information Meeting on March 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hutchinson Center, 80 Belmont Ave in Belfast. The meeting will give the company an opportunity to present key information from its Site Location of Development Act (SLODA) and Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA) permit applications, as well as its previously submitted discharge application, and to take public comment.

Nordic Aquafarms plans to submit the SLODA and NRPA applications to the Maine DEP in April. The company submitted its discharge, or MEPDES, application with the DEP last October. All of the applications will now be considered by the Maine Board of Environmental Protection in the coming months.

“We have been working diligently over many months to prepare these very comprehensive permit applications,” said Commercial Director Marianne Naess. “They demonstrate our commitment to sustainability and protecting the natural environment while building a facility that will create new jobs and add significantly to the local tax base. We look forward to sharing information with area residents and getting their feedback.”

Pursuant to Maine DEP rules, formal notice of the meeting has been published in the *Bangor Daily News* and is being sent to project abutters by certified mail. The notice states that the purpose of the meeting is for Nordic Aquafarms to “inform the public regarding its proposed land-based aquaculture project and its anticipated environmental impacts, along with information about opportunities for public comment on the project.”

### ***About Nordic Aquafarms***

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 (Fredrikstad Seafood) and Denmark (Sashimi Royal and Maximus), and two projects under development in the United States. The company is a trailblazer in the land-based fish farming industry with employees in three countries and well-established financial investors. The company has a strong in-house engineering capability that has enabled significant innovation in RAS development.

Nordic Aquafarms is developing sustainable fish farming practices for the future to deliver super fresh high-quality seafood to regional markets and is committed to a low environmental impact and sustainability in every facet of the business, from setting new standards for clean discharge, to energy efficiency and solar power, to refusing to use GMO or antibiotics in its production.

In January of 2018, Nordic Aquafarms Inc., the company’s U.S. subsidiary, announced plans for a land-based salmon farm on the Atlantic Coast in Belfast, Maine, to be built in two to three phases. Construction is expected to start in 2019, with operations commencing in 2020.

In February of 2019, Nordic Aquafarms Inc., announced plans to build a land-based fish farm in Humboldt County, Calif., near Eureka, to serve West Coast markets.

### ***Land-based aquaculture***

Land-based RAS production is a rapidly emerging method for sustainable production of salmon. It is based on indoor production in a controlled environment using large tanks and water treatment systems. Its benefits include:

- the ability to recycle and treat water on site to reduce overall water consumption;
- recycling of waste resources and nutrients;
- 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;

- a shorter distance to market for a high quality, fresh product, reducing the carbon footprint of air and land transport; and
- consistent quality and traceability all year round

Videos depicting the RAS technology that Nordic Aquafarms will use in Maine and California can be seen [here](#) seen [here](#).

***Demand for fresh seafood***

The U.S. today imports more than 90% of its seafood and demand continues to grow. The U.S. and many other countries in the world can never become self-sufficient on wild-caught fish, particularly with the many ecological challenges we are seeing in oceans worldwide, such as pollution and climate change effects.

To meet current demand, much of the fresh fish consumed in the U.S. is air-freighted at a significant cost and with considerable carbon dioxide emissions that contribute to global warming. To achieve growth in domestic supply of fresh local fish in a sustainable, environmentally responsible manner, fish farming is a necessity and we will see much more of it in the coming years. Since sea-pen farming is controversial in the U.S. and wild-catch resources are limited, the many benefits of land-based farming should make our approach widely acceptable and a high priority in the US.

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