

**FIRST PROCEDURAL ORDER OF THE BELFAST ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
IN RE: UPSTREAM WATCH APPEALS OF  
NORDIC AQUAFARMS, INC. PERMITS**

**DATED FEBRUARY 18, 2021**

In order to establish an orderly process for the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to consider the appeals submitted by Upstream Watch, and to give both ZBA members and the parties adequate time to prepare, the Belfast Zoning Board of Appeals hereby issues the following Procedural Order:

1. For the purposes of this Procedural Order, “the parties” are Upstream Watch, Nordic Aquafarms, Inc. (Nordic), and the City of Belfast Planning Board.
2. Upstream Watch submitted five separate appeals, including written submissions, on January 20, 2021.
3. The Belfast Planning Board submitted its response to the Upstream Watch appeals on February 18, 2021.
4. Nordic shall submit its written argument no later than 12:00 p.m. on February 22, 2021.
5. Upstream Watch shall have until 12:00 p.m. on March 1, 2021 to submit any reply to Nordic’s written submission. This reply shall be confined to replying to new matter raised in the submissions of Nordic and the Belfast Planning Board.
6. All written submissions and any inquiries by the parties shall be made to the legal advisor to the ZBA, Attorney Kate Grossman, with copies to all other parties (but not to ZBA members).
7. The next meeting of the ZBA will be March 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. At that meeting, the ZBA will hear oral arguments from the parties on the issues as follows:
  - a. Standing. Following oral arguments on this issue, the ZBA will make a determination as to whether Upstream Watch has standing to appeal.
  - b. Nordic’s motion to exclude new evidence, submitted January 12, 2021.
  - c. Issues common to each of Upstream Watch’s appeals.
  - d. Remaining issues.
8. The March 4, 2021 meeting of the ZBA will end no later than 10:00 p.m.

The terms of this procedural order were approved by the ZBA at its meeting on February 18, 2021.