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October 24, 2021

I am writing to express my opposition to the marina expansion project for Rockland Harbor proposed by Safe Harbor Marinas.

I have lived in Rockland for 38 years. Throughout that time I have enjoyed Rockland Harbor, both in small craft (sailing and rowing) and walking every inch of the available public pathways along the shore. I enjoy the harbor in every season, watching birds and the changing of the light and colors in the water. For me, Rockland's Harbor is our city's greatest asset.

Now it seems our City Council and State Departments want to approve a major expansion to accommodate very large motor yachts. I am concerned about the following issues: 1). reduction in access to the shore for the public; 2) the environmental impacts of dredging as well as effluent and waste from the expected "megayachts"; and 3) disruption of the natural views of the Harbor and the two lighthouses which bookend it. I am certain this proposed project will diminish the enjoyment of all participants in Rockland's annual public festivals and events, such as the Blues Festival, Maine Boats and Harbors, and the Lobster Festival.

We need a public hearing on this project so that everyone who currently uses the Rockland Public Landing and adjacent trails and parks can become informed and state their opinions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Julia Schulz

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