

MacNeil, Jami

From: MacNeil, Jami
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 10:28 AM
To: julia@speakingplace.org
Subject: NRPA application #L-20386-4P-P-N - SHM Rockland, LLC - Rockland - marina expansion

Dear Ms. Schulz,

Thank you for your comments regarding the expansion of an existing marina in Rockland Harbor as proposed by SHM Rockland, LLC. Your comments were forwarded to me as the project manager for the review at the DEP. The Department is currently reviewing the application (#L-20386-4P-P-N) under Maine's Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA). The Department accepted the application as complete for processing on July 26, 2021. The statutory deadline for the Department to reach a final decision on the application is November 23, 2021. The deadline for public comments on the application is November 1, 2021.

Per Department Rules Chapter 2, Section 7, the deadline to request a hearing on an application is 20 days after the application is accepted as complete for processing. That deadline has passed for this application.

Your comments will be added to the file and will be considered during the review of the project. You may contact me with additional concerns, questions, or comments at (207) 446-4894 or via email at jami.macneil@maine.gov.

Sincerely,
Jami

-Jami MacNeil (she/her)
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-----Original Message-----

From: Churchill, Julie M <Julie.M.Churchill@maine.gov>
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To: MacNeil, Jami <Jami.MacNeil@maine.gov>
Subject: FW: Info DEP question/comment

-----Original Message-----

From: julia@speakingplace.org <julia@speakingplace.org>
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Subject: Info DEP question/comment

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Question or Comment

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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