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**From:** MacNeil, Jami  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 3:46 PM  
**To:** writer@midcoast.com  
**Subject:** RE: Safe Harbor Marinas LLC's Natural Resources Protection Act permit application (#L-20386-4P-P-N)

Dear Mr. Cartwright,

Thank you for your comments regarding the expansion of an existing marina in Rockland Harbor as proposed by SHM Rockland, LLC. 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.

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](mailto:jami.macneil@maine.gov).

Sincerely,  
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Hello Jami,  
I have worked in Rockland for years, have sailed to and from there, and I believe allowing Safe Harbors to privatize the people's harbor is wrong for many reasons. This is all about greedy profiteering by serving very rich people with very big yachts. This is not the Rockland I know, nor is it the Rockland that ordinary people want.

There are already plenty of moorings and plenty of boats in the harbor. Adding more will create congestion, water pollution and an aesthetic

disaster. This kind of development erodes the very character of this small city that attracts visitors (and business) to the community. Rockland's scale and lively downtown make it a popular place to live, and many people are coming for the beauty and charm. A lot of that beauty and charm is the breakwater-protected harbor.

I was involved years ago in the struggle to keep The Samoset Resort from creating a private marina that would interfere with public access to the breakwater, a favorite place to walk in Rockland and definitely one of the city's major attractions and assets. Fortunately, the DEP ruled against the exclusive marina proposal.

Let's not destroy this historic seaport to line the pockets of a huge corporation, while allowing grotesquely over-sized yachts to clog the harbor. This is a real Maine place. It still has a fishing fleet, and a vital state ferry service. Let's keep it that way.

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