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From: MacNeil, Jami
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 9:36 AM
To: Shawn
Subject: RE: Megayachts in Rockland Harbor

Dear Mr. McCarty,

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.

Sincerely,
Jami

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Hi Jami,

I sit on the Rockland Energy Commission and have installed solar on my home. I live in Rockland year-round. I do not know one Rockland resident who wants the megayacht harbor. I do know that my friends are resigned and have given up. It's considered a done deal and city counselors and residents are in damage control mode.

I am stunned at this proposal because it is so one-sided. The benefits to the Safe Harbor corp. are many. But they come at a real price to us, the people who live here. This includes the views being blocked, the increase in traffic, the noise and pollution of the ships generators- or the infrastructure cost for shore power, and the shipping and storage of fuel.

But the part that really hurts is to be forced to gaze upon the incredible inequity. That is is not just in wealth, it is in values. In Rockland, we work to facilitate the adoption of solar and heat pumps, to conserve, to grow vegetables, to preserve our hiking trails, to make sure no-one goes hungry with a nation-leading food bank, to stay connected to our neighbors. This corporation is not a good neighbor, not even trying.

This will be in our face all the time.

The harbor belongs to all of us. The beauty should not be sold.

Thanks for listening to my feelings,

Shawn McCarty
Rockland, Maine.