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From: Karen M <meukam13@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 31, 2021 4:39 PM
To: MacNeil, Jami
Subject: RE: Comments and Concerns re: Rockland Harbor Expansion
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Jami

I am sending you a second email with the attachment as I found a typo and since this will represent my statement I did not want it to be passed in with an error.

I also want to take this time to add that I am not opposed to updating and improving, with the thought that this would bring in improvements to clean up the water, avoid boat contamination, and better water testing for other contaminates from industry along the waters. However, to expand to bring in more boats is really asking for trouble.

I traveled throughout Maine along the coast this past summer and photographed the waters and we are in trouble. In Machias for example there is a flow of water running under the road bridge that is covered in a white foam. In Lubec, as quiet as it is there, the water along the jetty is filled with an oil/gas slick. And in Rockland, as I mentioned in my attached letter, we have this sludge that is worse each year. If you follow the current, you also see this on beaches in adjacent towns. I no longer feel safe swimming in the water, which is so sad.

Traveling to Scotland and other parts of Europe I have seen waters where there is no pollution as crystal clear as the air, seeing for miles the bottom of the ocean. In Rockland and parts of Maine we are lucky if we can see out hands once in the water. This is my concern.

If you have read to this line I thank you for your patience and for hearing me out.

Respectfully,

Karen Meunier

From: [Karen M](#)
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 7:35 PM
To: jami.macneil@maine.gov
Subject: Comments and Concerns re: Rockland Harbor Expansion

Dear Jami MacNeil

I am writing to address my great concern of the environmental impact an expansion at the Rockland Harbor will create. Because I have pictures included I created a pdf (attached) with my comments and pictures of the pollutants

that already exist and appears to be getting worse year-after-year. Instead of addressing this (seems like there has been a blind eye to the waters lately), Rockland is now considering taking action that will only make this worse.

Please read my full statement with pictures in the attachment.

Thank you for allowing me, and others to speak out.

Sincerely,

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