

## MacNeil, Jami

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**From:** MacNeil, Jami  
**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2021 8:08 AM  
**To:** 'Diana Coleman'  
**Subject:** RE: Application #L-20386-4P-P-N

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 deadline for public comments on the application closed on November 4, 2021. The Department anticipates issuing a decision on the project within the next few weeks.

Your comments will be added to the file and will be considered during the review of the project.

Sincerely,

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

From: Diana Coleman <dcolemanglobal@gmail.com>  
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 1:27 PM  
To: MacNeil, Jami <Jami.MacNeil@maine.gov>  
Subject: Application #L-20386-4P-P-N

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To Jami MacNeil and the Dept of Environmental Protection,

I am writing to state my strong objection to the proposed, revised plan for Rockland, Maine's harbor.

As a resident of Rockland's South End, I join my neighbors in objecting to this plan. Our harbor is small, and this plan is overwhelming. I also object to the changes to Sandy Beach—a beach I go to regularly and swim at, as do many residents and visiting tourists. It is wonderful to have a public beach that's accessible to everyone. Further, our board walk is used constantly by residents and visitors alike. It offers public access to our water, and harbor.

Rockland's Harbor cannot accommodate an increased number of boats—especially large yachts. This is a working community and our residents are employed in businesses, and nonprofits locally—including our Pen Bay-Maine Health Hospital. Changing the look and accommodating wealthy yacht owners will further erode and eliminate the affordability of living in this area. Already, rents have skyrocketed and our hard-working employees are being driven out. With this outrageous plan for our Harbor, local people will be driven out even more.

Our harbor now is attractive with primarily small boats anchored at moorings. We also support our lobster boats—owned by hardworking lobster fishermen and women. Permitting and accommodating huge yachts will overwhelm the

harbor, make it crowded, and unappealing. This is Maine!! Not a ritzy marina in Florida or California, nor should it be. Visitors, in addition to residents, come here to enjoy the “small town feel” of charming towns, harbors, and beaches.

We also remain concerned and vigilant about monitoring the quality of our Harbor’s water. Adding yachts will severely impact our water’s quality, and result in significant pollution, and environmentally unsafe conditions.

I hope for the sake of the people living here, visitors who appreciate and respect the quiet charm of this community, and for the generations of residents and visitors to follow, that the “powers that be” recognize this plan as seriously endangering and impacting the quality of Rockland’s Harbor, and our town, and reject this plan.

Thank you.

Diana Coleman  
South End Rockland Resident  
Avid Swimmer, Walker, and Concerned Citizen