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From: MacNeil, Jami
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2021 8:08 AM
To: Connie Hayes
Subject: RE: NNRPA Application #L-20386-4P-P-N - SHM Rockland, LLC - DEP public comment

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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From: Connie Hayes <connie@conniehayes.com>
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Dear Jami MacNeil,..

I am a resident of Rockland, Maine at 222 Broadway. I am writing to express my concern about the impact the Safe Harbor Marina plans will have on the Rockland community and natural resources. Although our city does not have jurisdiction over the water portion of the plans, I seek your authority to be as strict as possible to require responsible behavior as you regulate Safe Harbor's activities in our currently clean and beautiful harbor.

The impact on Rockland's land infrastructure is a ripple effect I urge you to consider. The edges of our shore will change in unanticipated ways. Fuel storage, visitor amenities, and increased development on nearby land are likely to be components requiring city infrastructure and services. Rockland is a county seat and service center with high taxes stretched to cover basic services from untaxed real estate. Deterioration of water, sewer, paving, and access to electricity are concerns that are likely to be stressed further if Safe Harbor proceeds with their plans. If there are ways to have Safe Harbor take responsibility for the financial and environmental impact of their extensive changes to our harbor (and in turn our shore), please build their burden into the requirements. A small, highly used, public, clean, sandy, beach is likely to be dwarfed and made unpleasant with obstructed views of the harbor with Safe Harbor's plans.

Citizens of Rockland are at your mercy to have you recognize fragile municipal, community and natural resources and to protect them for us with your regulations. Please be as strict as possible.

Thank you,

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