

MacNeil, Jami

From: MacNeil, Jami
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2021 8:10 AM
To: Karen M
Subject: RE: Comments and Concerns re: Rockland Harbor Expansion

Ms. Meunier,

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. I did replace the original PDF you sent on 10-30-21 with the second version you sent on 10-31-2021.

Sincerely,

-Jami MacNeil (she/her)

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From: Karen M <meukam13@gmail.com>
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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 contaminants 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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