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From: MacNeil, Jami
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2021 8:14 AM
To: Ryan Smith
Subject: RE: Rockland resident expressing concerns regarding SHM Rockland, LLC's Natural Resources Protection Act permit application (#L-20386-4P-P-N)

Mr. Smith,

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.

The term Significant Wildlife Habitat has a specific definition under the NRPA, per [38 MRS § 480-B\(10\)](#). The coastal wetland at the project site does not meet this definition, as determined by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. However, the Department is reviewing the project to determine if it would meet the NRPA standard of no unreasonable impact to marine habitats and fisheries.

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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Greetings, my name is Ryan Smith and I am a resident of 27 Tea St. in Rockland. The Safe Harbor Marina expansion to service super/mega yachts violates the Natural Resource Protection Act in following ways.

-Adverse Visual Impact

Rockland citizens are rightfully concerned about the potential loss of viewsheds from both Harbor Park and South End Beach Park.

The terms “dominance” and “scale” come to mind. The imposing size and volume of these vessels to be serviced by this marina far out scales anything the public can themselves afford to access and the visual component will dominate the landscape.

-Significant Wildlife Habitat

The cove in question to be further developed is also significant wildlife habitat to sea ducks and, in the summer attracts large schools of menhaden, the States primary source of lobster bait.

I beg of you to look at what mega yachts will Bring to our state. Paul Allen’s megayacht alone destroyed 85% of a coral reef habitat in the Cayman Islands. By providing infrastructure for these boats we open up a whole other realm of potential ecological hazards. Thank you for your time.

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