

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 20, 2018**

The City of Belfast City Council, at its meeting of Tuesday, March 20, 2018, beginning at 7:00 pm or as soon as practical thereafter, in the Council Chambers of Belfast City Hall which is located at 131 Church Street, shall conduct a public hearing on the following proposed amendments to the City Code of Ordinances and to the 2009 adopted Future Land Use Plan. The amendments are associated with the proposal by Nordic Aquafarms to construct a land based salmon aquaculture farm on property now owned by the Belfast Water District and Sam Cassida that is located near Reservoir # 1 on the Little River.

- 1) First Reading, proposed amendments to Chapter 102, Zoning, Article V, District Regulations, Division 7, Residential II district, and Division 18, Industrial IV Perkins Road district and accompanying amendments to Article IV, Description of Districts for these same districts. Amendments propose to expand the boundaries of the current Industrial IV district to include all lands associated with the Nordic Aquafarms project (area is now in Residential II district) and to establish aquaculture and associated uses as permitted activities. There are additional changes to the standards for the Industrial IV zone and changes to the adopted Zoning Map.
- 2) First Reading, proposed amendments to Chapter 82, Shoreland. Amendments include: expanding the amount of area near the Reservoir that is included in the General Development district rather than the current Resource Protection district; clarifying the current range of permitted uses to specifically allow land based aquaculture in the Resource Protection and General Development Shoreland districts and to allow a water discharge/intake pipe in Belfast Bay for this use; and adopting language to specifically allow deep groundwater wells in support of an aquaculture/industrial use in the Shoreland districts.
- 3) First Reading, proposed amendments to Chapter 66, General Provisions to clarify some of the current definitions in this Chapter with respect to aquaculture.
- 4) Amendments to the City 2009 adopted Future Land Use Plan (part of Comprehensive Plan) to establish that the area proposed for the Nordic Aquafarms project can be used for a salmon aquaculture farm and accompanying uses. In the adopted Plan, the area is proposed to be included in the Outside Rural area. The amendments propose to include this area in an Industrial area.

Persons who may be affected by the proposed amendments are encouraged to attend the March 20 public hearing and to express your concerns. Comment also may be submitted in writing or via email by the date of the hearing. Written comment to Wayne Marshall, Director, Code & Planning, City of Belfast, 131 Church St, Belfast, ME, 04915. Email comment to wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org. The proposed language for the First Reading amendments will be posted on the City website, cityofbelfast.org, by March 12, and a copy of the proposals also will be available for inspection at the Code and Planning offices in City Hall, Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Questions regarding the proposal should be directed to Wayne Marshall at 338-1417, x 125, or at wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org.