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Hey guys – What’s your reaction to this letter? It’s a little over the top in terms of tone, but I wondering about the substance... and any potential conflict with Nordic.

Tom

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Thoughts here?

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Hello Elise,

As Kate knows from some communications a couple weeks ago, Whole Oceans is preparing for some investor outreach as part of their project development in Bucksport. It would be very helpful for them to demonstrate support for land-based aquaculture and recirculating aquaculture systems, and enthusiasm for Whole Oceans from some of Maine’s leaders, including the Governor. For your info, Whole Oceans has received all permits necessary to begin construction.

Attached is a draft letter that we’d very much appreciate having the Governor sign and send back to me. I’m copying Kate because I don’t want to get out of synch with her efforts, but I’m thinking that she’s quite tied up in other matters. Meanwhile, I’m trying to help Whole Oceans move its project forward as its slated to begin construction this summer,

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Dear Jacob,

Maine's natural resources are its greatest asset. So too are its heritage industries, including fishing and farming. Together, they form the backbone of Maine and it is incumbent upon us as Mainers to preserve and protect that legacy for future generations. Innovative new technologies are critical to our ability to navigate a path through the 21st century and beyond – one which balances environmental protection with economic growth and opportunity.

As Governor, my administration is committed to supporting new technologies that employ Maine's unique assets in our heritage industries. We are particularly excited about, and are targeting the investment and development of, land-based aquaculture using recirculating aquaculture systems (RAS). These state-of-the-art, high-tech systems circulate Maine's clean, cold water through systems that sustainably raise fish and engage elaborate filtration that removes and sanitizes the discharges.

We believe land-based aquaculture is an ideal match for Maine. Globally, the demand for seafood has grown exponentially, resulting in widespread overfishing of our oceans. Maine can help ease that burden by engaging RAS technology to provide a sustainable source of fish protein that carries the trusted Maine brand worldwide.

My administration's ten-year Economic Development Strategy places a high value on the strategic importance of sustainable aquaculture in Maine. To that end, the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) has a dedicated [website page](#) on the State's commitment to land-based aquaculture in Maine, and we stand ready to support individuals and businesses in the responsible development of this technology around the State.

Several of my commissioners and I have had the pleasure of meeting you and Dale Reich, in your capacity as the principals of Whole Oceans, LLC. We are excited that you have identified the former paper mill site in Bucksport, Maine for your project. This development will engage existing infrastructure and help reinvigorate the town of Bucksport. We look forward to joining you in your ground-breaking ceremony later this year.

Meanwhile, my administration will continue to work closely with all interested parties to pursue land-based aquaculture as a pillar of our new innovation economy. Maine will be a leader in RAS technology, and we look forward to working with individuals and businesses equally dedicated to bringing this sustainable industry to Maine.

Thank you for your interest in helping develop the future of fish farming in Maine.

which would be a hopeful and positive event for Maine during this challenging time. Hopefully this project will be one of many RAS projects in Maine in the years to come.

Thanks in advance for any help you can provide.

Andrea

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