

Belfast Water District
Notice of Public Meeting

Dear Customer,

The Belfast Water District will hold a public meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at the Belfast Boathouse at 34 Commercial Street, Belfast, Maine.

The purpose of this meeting is to inform the District's customers of the proposed sale of District Water Resource Land (the "Property") as required by 35-A M.R.S. §§ 1101, 6109, and Chapter 691 of the Maine Public Utilities Commission Rules.

The District intends to sell the Property to Nordic Aquafarms, Inc. and the City of Belfast in order to provide substantial revenue to the District, which will help stabilize water rates and pay for infrastructure improvements, all while helping bring a state-of-the-art aquaculture facility to Belfast that initially will employ 40-60 people and could total near \$500 million in investment in the community. Further detail was provided in an earlier letter sent to all of our customers on January 29, 2018.

With regard to the Property, the Belfast Water District intends to sell real estate and buildings in the City of Belfast, described as Tax Map 29 Lot 39 and Tax Map 4 Lot 23-C, and real estate in the Town of Northport, described as Tax Map U1 Lot 6. The Property's physical address is 285 Northport Avenue in Belfast, and includes the so-called Lower Reservoir and a portion of the Upper Reservoir, where both reservoirs are formed by two dams on the Little River. The Little River was once part of Belfast's water supply but has not been used as a water source since 1980, and never will be again.

The District also wants to remind you there is an informational meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hutchinson Center in Belfast. The Belfast Water District, City of Belfast, and Nordic Aquafarms will be present at that meeting and will answer questions from the public.

The District has filed a request for approval for the sale of Water Resource Land to the Maine Public Utilities Commission, which has been assigned the following case title and docket number: *Request for Approval of Sale or Transfer of Water Resource Land Pertaining to Belfast Water District*, Docket No. 2018-00043.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the District's pending request with the Maine Public Utilities Commission, there are three ways to stay informed and to participate:

1. You may add your name to the notification list using the Commission's online Case Management System (CMS). For information on how to register and use CMS please see the information at the following link: <http://www.maine.gov/mpuc/online/index.shtml>. You are also allowed to submit written comments to the CMS.
2. You may file a petition to intervene as a formal party, with the right to participate in the hearings and in negotiations. Your petition must state the name and docket number of this proceeding and the manner in which you are affected by this proceeding. Your petition must also include a short and plain statement of the nature and extent of the participation you seek, and a statement of the nature of the evidence or argument you intend to submit. Your petition must be filed electronically using the Commission's CMS no later than March 22, 2018.
3. You may express your view at a public witness hearing, if a hearing is held. If you wish to request that the Commission hold a public hearing, you must electronically file a written request using the Commission's CMS no later than March 22, 2018.

If you need more information about the methods of participation or have questions regarding this proceeding, you may contact Harry Lanphear, the Administrative Director of the Commission (207-287-3831), Kiera Reardon of the Office of the Public Advocate (207-624-3687) or call Keith Pooler, Superintendent of the Belfast Water District (207-338-1200).

Sincerely,

The Belfast Water District Board of Trustees