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Kingfish Maine gets green light to build new U.S. aquaculture facility

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The Town of Jonesport, Maine, has finalized Kingfish Maine's building permit application – the final step required for pre-construction design and engineering for the Kingfish Company's new U.S. facility.

Kingfish Maine is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Kingfish Company – a Netherlands-based leader in sustainable land-based aquaculture. Production is based on advanced recirculating aquaculture systems (RAS), and fish are grown without the use of antibiotics and vaccines. Operations run on 100 percent renewable energy, sourced from wind, solar and biogas.

The company's facilities operate on seawater to avoid wasting fresh water.

In October, the Jonesport Planning Board gave initial approval to Kingfish Maine's local building permit. The permit conditions were formally approved and adopted in a final meeting this week. Kingfish Maine is now fully permitted by local, state and federal regulatory agencies.

Once the Jonesport facility is fully operational, Kingfish Maine will be the largest producer of yellowtail kingfish in the United States and will provide local sustainable seafood for North American retailers and foodservice providers.

"From the introduction of our project to the town three years ago to the final building permit approval this week, we have received overwhelming support from Jonesport residents," said Ohad Maiman, founder of the Kingfish Company. "We are excited for what the future holds in Maine – bringing our sustainable land-based technology to the U.S., in a community where we can partner for growth."



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