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The permit should be denied until Project Macoma can make certain the outflow of warm, alkaline water will not impact the marine life in the area through proper treatment. Other similar projects treat their outflow, to make it less alkaline and to cool it. My read of the current plans skips this essential treatment step, allowing for dangerously warm, highly caustic alkaline water to flow directly into the Strait. This alkaline outflow is completely unnecessary and should be remedied before a permit is issued. I question the motives of a company claiming to remove carbon dioxide from the ocean--presumably to benefit the ocean--while simultaneously pumping extremely alkaline water back into the ocean, right over marine life, including highly sensitive and practically immobile shellfish.