

March 25, 2016
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99811

Representative Geran Tarr,

PLEASE READ!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Pickled Willys is the only salmon pickling plant in Alaska. Located in Kodiak, our products are sold largely on the basis of the quality of our fish and its health claims. Organic vinegar, sustainable fish and made in Alaska. Genetically engineered salmon, should it get into our waters, (and it will) WOULD KILL OUR PRODUCT AND OUR BUSINESS. I plead with you not to allow this to happen. Retired from the medical field in high risk pregnancy, working with genetics every day I understand what this is about. Genetically engineered salmon once in our system will never be reversed or contained. This is a decision that will impact our salmon in Alaska and other areas for the life of our plant. This should not and can't happen. If the FDA lets this go ahead than they should provide us (or the company who lets it escape) with the means to show my salmon is not GE. This should come at no cost to our small business.

Genetically engineering life always comes with a consequence and we don't want it in Alaska!

As a member of the seafood industry, our company has a vested interest in the health of the wild salmon stocks. GE salmon run the risk of escaping into the wild and harming the wild salmon populations. We have seen, with farmed salmon, that despite measures taken, they cannot be controlled and kept out of the wild salmon stock, and often are infected with sea lice.

GE salmon will also threaten the jobs of Alaskan fisherman and coastal communities that thrive off of the commercial fishing industry. The fishing industry in the state of Alaska is the largest source of private sector employment and is valued at \$505 million. To us our salmon is nothing short of priceless.

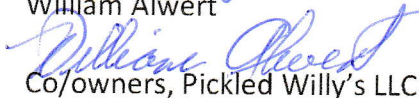
It is important the FDA and Federal Government hear our concerns, and adequately consider the threat that GE salmon pose to our state.

Thank-you for the opportunity to voice our concerns.

Barbara Hughes



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Co/owners, Pickled Willy's LLC

A Veteran Owned Business. We both went into the military to help keep our country safe and now it's your turn.