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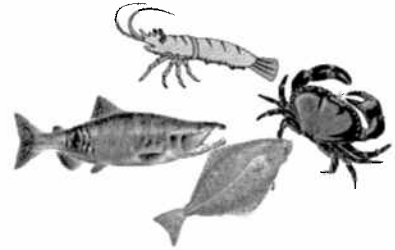
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Representative Steve Thompson, Chairman
House Special Committee on Fisheries
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, 120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Chairman Thompson and Committee Members,

RE: Support HJR 8

Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance (SEAFA) supports HJR 8, a resolution urging FDA to deny an application to sell genetically engineered salmon in the US and requiring product labeling if the product is approved.

SEAFA has been in opposition to genetically engineered fish since the beginning of the permit process in approximately 2000. As you know the process to consider the application has been flawed as the FDA only looked at the aspect if the fish were safe for human consumption but failed to consult adequately with NMFS. Genetically engineered fish must be considered in light of the effect to the environment as well much as you would evaluate the effect of an invasive species.

Salmon is an important resource in the State of Alaska for commercial, personal use, subsistence, and sport fishermen and approval of genetically modified salmon into the environment and market place can be damaging. SEAFA members fully support the House Joint Resolution 8 and urges a speedy approval by the Alaska State Legislature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Hansen". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Kathy Hansen
Executive Director