CITY AND BOROUGH OF YAKUTAT RESOLUTION 10-165

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE APPLICATION FROM AQUABOUNTY TECHNOLOGIES, INC. TO THE US FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) TO APPROVE AND MARKET GENETICALLY ENGINEERED ATLANTIC SALMON (SALMON SALAR) IN THE UNITED STATES AND ABROAD

WHEREAS, Aqua Bounty Technologies, Inc. has submitted an application to the FDA for approval of the "Aqua Advantage Salmon", a genetically engineered Atlantic salmon, for commercial production, human consumption and marketing in the United States; and

WHEREAS, this is the first genetically engineered animal, land or water, intended to be used as food within the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Aqua Advantage salmon is a combination of three species of fish; and

WHEREAS, the fertilization and incubation of the genetically engineered eggs will occur on Prince Edward Island, Canada adjacent to existing Atlantic salmon runs, human error may result in unintentional release into the wild, or become attractive for cage grow out; and

WHEREAS, the existing Atlantic salmon runs are severely depleted and already altered genetically between European and North American strains from crossbreeding of existing pen stock and subsequent escape; and

WHEREAS, we believe there are already problems with "Round Up Ready" canola and BT corn regarding genetic drift and pesticide resistance; and

WHEREAS, a massive marketing campaign restored the economic viability of wild salmon fisheries in Alaska after the surge in cage reared salmon supply; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Yakutat has the highest per capita commercial fishing permit holder population in the State of Alaska and is highly dependant on salmon fishing to maintain the local economy

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City and Borough of Yakutat, by this resolution, does not support the approval of any genetically engineered salmon under the FDA application process for sale or production in the United States and abroad.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if approval moves forward the words "Genetically Modified" be obviously displayed on all shipping, packing and retail labeling ensuring the American Consumer can make the distinction between wild salmon and genetically engineered salmon.