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Representative Louise Stutes, Chairman  
House Special Committee on Fisheries  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

**RE: Support for CSHJR 28, opposing FDA approval of genetically modified salmon and urging labeling.**

Dear Chairman Stutes and Committee Members,

UFA is on record with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in opposition to approval of genetically modified salmon for production and consumption in the U.S., and we have strongly requested that FDA regulations require that salmon or any other genetically modified seafood products be clearly labeled as such.

Alaska leads the world in sustainable fishery management practices and we have gone to great effort and expense to differentiate our seafood products in the marketplace. We are very concerned that if genetically modified salmon is allowed to be sold in the U.S. at all, or not labeled clearly, Alaska fishermen and coastal communities will suffer job losses and economic hardship due to consumer confusion about the wholesomeness of salmon in general.

United Fishermen of Alaska represents 35 Alaska Commercial fishing organizations, and hundreds of individual fishermen and related businesses. We support CS HJR 28 and applaud the State Legislature for your dedication to Alaska's fisheries and our position in the global marketplace.

Sincerely,

Jerry McCune  
President

CC: Representative Geran Tarr

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers • Alaska Independent Fishermen's Marketing Association  
Alaska Independent Tendermen's Association • Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association • Alaska Scallop Association • Alaska Trollers Association  
Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association • Armstrong Keta • At-sea Processors Association • Bristol Bay Reserve • Cape Barnabas Inc.  
Concerned Area "M" Fishermen • Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association • Cordova District Fishermen United • Douglas Island Pink and Chum  
Freezer Longline Coalition • Golden King Crab Coalition • Groundfish Forum • Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association  
Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association • North Pacific Fisheries Association • Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association  
Petersburg Vessel Owners Association • Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation • Purse Seine Vessel Owner Association  
Seafood Producers Cooperative • Southeast Alaska Herring Conservation Alliance • Southeast Alaska Fisherman's Alliance  
Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association • Southeast Alaska Seiners • Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association  
United Catcher Boats • United Cook Inlet Drift Association • United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters • Valdez Fisheries Development Association